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The Boys & Girls Of Summer



ENJOYING PASSIVE PLAY-TIME at the town's Perry Lane Park Summer Camp are, from left - Bonnie Herrick, Melissa King, and Christina Foster. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PERRY LANE PARK SUMMER CAMPERS are waiting their turn to begin swim lessons last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Now Need State Approval...

Ballot Question For Casino At Riverside OK'd

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

At the Monday, July 11th special meeting, Town Council voted to allow town residents to vote on whether or not casino gambling should be permitted at Riverside Park in the future.

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In order for the non-binding referendum (essentially a public opinion poll) to appear on the ballot in November, the council must first seek State Legislature approval to include the following question— "Shall Riverside Park in the city known as the Town of Agawam be permitted to have a casino gambling facility on its property?"—on the November ballot.

Citing confusion among town residents as to the meaning of the council's vote on the gambling issue, Councilor Walter Balboni asked that it be made clear that the council was not voting for or against gambling. The council was merely voting to place a public policy question on the ballot so that the people of Agawam can state their positions, said Balboni.

Councilor David Skolnick said he also has heard from many residents who were confused about the council's vote. "I'm not voting for gambling; I'm voting for a non-binding referendum question," Skolnick stated.

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Councilor Thomas Ennis said that gambling was too big an issue for the eight members of the council who were present for the vote to decide. "Let the voters decide, not eight town fathers and mothers," said Ennis.

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Main Street Site Named For Fire Station

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson unveiled his plan for a new fire station to be located on Main Street at the special meeting of the Town Council on Monday, July 11th

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About 20 full-time and volunteer firefighters attended the meeting to show their support for this proposal, even though they were aware they would not be able to address the council. Citizen Speak Time is not part of a special meeting.

Acting Chief David Pisano said they would return to share their concerns when the council decides the fate of the proposal at its August meeting.

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MAIN STREET SITE FOR NEW FIRE STATION - from Page 1...

Johnson is asking for council approval to build a new headquarters that will triple the amount of space available to the Fire Department. He is also seeking to purchase a new, modern fire pump truck, making the total cost \$1,650,000. The new station will replace the Elm Street station.

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After considering several locations on Main Street and Suffield Street, Johnson is asking the council to approve the taking by eminent domain of three adjacent lots abutting the Agawam Cemetery on Main Street.

The site consists of about two acres of land with 223 feet of frontage on Main Street. Two of the lots have structures. The former Webster's Garage at 798 Main will have to be demolished, but the building at 792 Main will likely be left standing.

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If no other municipal use can be found for the Elm Street station, it will be sold, Johnson said.

Site Selection Based On 1988 Study

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According to Johnson, the final site selection was based on a 1988 Fire Station Location Study and was recommended by Pisano.

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The site was chosen based on data collected from actual test runs to determine response time at various times of the day in varying traffic conditions, Pisano said.

Johnson told the council the site represented the best possible two-station configuration for the town, and it was the best location to fit into a three-station configuration in 15 to 20 years.

Believing a "picture is worth a thousand

Believing a "picture is worth a thousand words," Johnson used a series of photos as well as a video prepared by Council President James Taylor and Pisano to bolster his written report detailing the crowded conditions of the Elm Street and Springfield Street Fire Stations.

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After viewing the video, Councilor Gary Suffriti remarked, "Looking at the video, we almost should be ashamed of ourselves for taking 16 years (to address the needs of the Fire Department)."

Narrated by Taylor, the video showed the two fire stations crammed with firefighting equipment with only inches to spare between the pieces of apparatus. Because of the cramped conditions,

firefighters have a difficult time getting into their protective gear before answering emergency calls.

Since it was built in 1967, the Feeding Hills Station has served as headquarters and is presently so overcrowded that the department is forced to lease space at a garage located across Springfield Street to store one of the fire pump trucks

The Elm Street Station was built in 1917 to house horse-drawn equipment and to accommodate volunteer firefighters. The much larger, modern fire engines barely fit into the station's two bays; in order to fit, one engine must have the outside mirrors folded down, and the nozzle mounted on top of the other truck must be removed in order to clear the overhead door.

The department's rescue vehicle must be stored outside. In the winter, ice and snow must be scraped off, causing a delay in response time, Taylor said.

Both fire stations lack adequate kitchen, day room, and dormitory space; neither station has separate toilet or shower facilities for female firefighters or clerical staff.

"The Fire Department badly needs and deserves a better building," Council Vice-President George Bitzas commented, "especially the building on Elm Street. It's a disgrace."

Johnson said the lack of space to store fire equipment has contributed to the town's inability to purchase the larger, more modern fire pump trucks. A new fire pump truck is needed to replace the 30 year-old truck that presently serves as Engine I, Johnson said.

Under questioning from several councilors, Pisano said that while he expected a modern fire station with adequate space to store the department's equipment would cut down on response times, it would be premature to suggest that the town would receive an improved fire rating (and a reduction in homeowners' insurance rates) as a result

Proposed Properties Were Appraised

As a first step in taking the proposed site under eminent domain, the town had appraisals of the properties prepared by Western New England Appraisal. The three parcels have been appraised at a total value of \$240,000.

If the council approves the land takings, the owners will receive the appraised amounts and will have three years to seek additional payment through court action.

Johnson explained that the town is prohibited by state law from negotiating for land purchases and must offer the owners the appraised value of

Councilor David Skolnick said he had been contacted by one of the property owners who felt the land had been valued at too low a figure.

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Johnson said he had already met with the property owners and had explained their right to seek additional damages in court. Agawam Assessor Chester Nicora has reviewed the appraisals and agreed with the findings, Johnson said.

Once the council approves the resolutions to fund the new fire station, Johnson said he will name a building committee and begin the designer review process.

This fall, an architect will be selected and plans will be developed. Johnson said it is his intention that the building will be a brick structure in keeping with the historical nature of its Main Street setting. Construction can begin next spring, with occupancy slated for the fall of 1995.

With the bonding costs included, the new fire headquarters is expected to cost \$2,343,000 over a 15-year period, based on an interest rate of 5.25%. The first payment of \$196,625 will be due in 1997.

Although he was not able to quote the town's current bond debt when asked by Councilor Walter Balboni, Johnson said it was well below the limits allowed by state law.

"The risk is manageable and the need is definite," Johnson said.

Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr., asked to be included on the fire station building committee.

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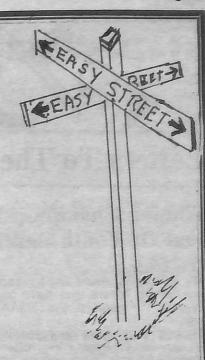
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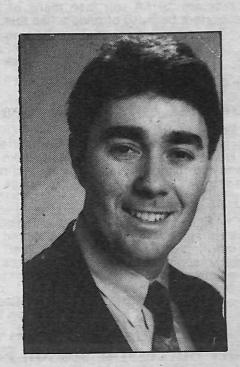
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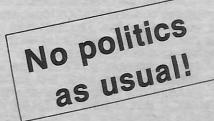


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Letters To The Editor

Winning Championship Only Goal Of Youth Baseball Team

To The Editor:

My wife and I would like to respond publicly to some of the letters that have appeared in your publication regarding the SHAA baseball pro-

My wife and I have been reading the letters in The Agawam Advertiser News regarding the SHAA baseball coaches. We placed our son in the SHAA league to learn the sport of baseball and he has come out of the whole thing with a bitter feeling towards the sport. We blame his coaches and the

commissioner directly for the injustice.
Our boy is eight years-old; when the commissioner decided to place him on a team three weeks late, he was treated like an outcast by his coaches. It was very apparent that they did not feel that they should have to teach children the

basics of the sport.

This team's sole purpose for existence from the very beginning was to win the championship at any cost. Well, this is something we will not tolerate. On my son's team, there was a head coach (and I use the term lightly), an assistant coach, and two female assistants-none of which could grasp the concept that children are there to learn as well as have fun. The kids had too much pressure put on them to win! win! win!

Teamship was never addressed, nor was the issue of losing gracefully. Every time the team lost a game, it was the coaches' children that would cry and refuse to shake hands with the opposing team. If this is how the SHAA wishes to conduct this league, we will find another alter-

I am ashamed of the coaches and the church for allowing such garbage to continue year after year. We watched my son's coach repeatedly run the score up on other teams without putting the inexperienced children in the game. In one game (in particular) my son's team was up 9 to 0, and the opposing team was putting in the younger kids to gain some experience while my son's coach kept his first string in the whole time.

We want to agree with Betsy DelPeschio that these people did dedicate much time to help coach these teams and that is appreciated. However, if this time is dedicated to enhance their own kid's ego at the expense of other children, WE DON'T WANT YOU. We must clarify that we are speaking of one team in particular because we know there are some exceptional coaches in this league, and this letter is not directed to you.

Also in Mrs. DelPeschio's unbiased article, she challenges parents to observe every practice or even coach a team. Guess what, Mrs. DelPeschio? Between my wife and I, we attended 98% of the practices and 100% of the games. I used to coach children's baseball in the Detroit area, and I know the satisfaction of winning, teaching, and making good friends along the way.

When I coached, all the children got fair playing time. This is because I respected the children as

well as the parents who took time off from work to watch their kids play, not because I was told to. At this age, a kid's ability should have no bearing on their play time.

Mrs. DelPeschio has overlooked one crucial point in her letter. Coaching children is an honor, not an obligation. If you don't take pride in your teaching and mentoring program, then you aren't needed in this or any other children's baseball

Below are just some of the examples of inexcusable behavior by these coaches. My son's coaches rarely called to notify parents of changes in practices or game makeups. His team had four adults coaching the team, each of which had one or two children; needless to say, the younger children had no opportunity to experience infield positions. The younger kids rotated in the outfield

only.

I don't ever want to hear that the kids were too inexperienced to play infield positions. What do you think coaches are for? My son, as well as the other younger children on his team, were not taught how to play the game. At each practice, they were set aside from the older players and kept occupied by the two female assistants for the majority of the practice. If the SHAA calls this coaching, then we will never support any function sponsored by the SHAA.

I whole heartily agree with the rules that Mrs. Lyman proposed. These should have been common knowledge, but then again some people really don't care. If there aren't serious change made their care. to this program, SHAA will lose many of their good supporters because of people like this.

Concerned parents, Deb & Darin LeFave Agawam

Trip To 'The Lion King' **Big Success For Sacred Heart**

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Family/Youth Committee at Sacred Heart Church, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our recent trip to see "The Lion King" a huge suc-

In order to rent the theatre for a special showing, we needed at least 100 people. Thanks to everyone for spreading the word. We shared this special morning with over 300 local people. Hopefully, some of our upcoming events will

also be as successful.

Thanks again.

Beth O'Neill & Alma Benton **Feeding Hills**

Another Successful Season For Sacred Heart 6-8 Softball

To The Editor:

Another fine season for the SHAA Girls' 6-8 League has come to an end. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this season enjoyable for our children.

A special thanks to the following coaches: Bruce Lathrop, Mike Weisgerber, Tom Gorman, Bob Zmaczynski, George Frazier, Sheila Spear, Jim Mokrzycki, Joe Ruhl, and Bill Lownds.

Also, a thank you to the companies who sponsored our league: J. Russo Paving and Excavating, Dreyer Plumbing & Heating, John's Trucking, and Ideal Contractors.

I feel that the coaches did a wonderful job accomplishing the goal of this league which is to teach the basics of softball while having a good time. Without their time and dedication, this league wouldn't be possible. I hope to see everyone back again next year.

Just a reminder: Awards Day will be held August 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the lighted field. See you there. Once again, thank you to all.

Laurie Littlefield Commissioner

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Former Town Councilor Slams Exec. Director At Senior Ctr.

To The Editor.

At a recent Council meeting, a group of Agawam's elderly requested that I speak on their behalf. Since then, many people have phoned or have approached me wherever I go. It is apparent that many citizens are concerned with the actual goings on at the Senior Center.

Many who have approached me hadn't seen the last Council meeting and were only aware of what was in the *Union News*. As a result, I am continually asked for more details. Therefore, I am submitting the text of my presentation so that everyone

will know verbatim what was said.

It, I think, provides a good example as to why so many of our seniors are concerned and why every taxpayer, young and old, should be concerned. What the elderly told me to say is only a small part of the scores of irregularities and hundreds of unanswered complaints that our seniors want made public.

Keep in mind, that everything I said was spoken on behalf of our elderly and that what was said are statements I was asked to make by our elderly. Even though I may agree with them, my only involvement was to, at their request, act as their spokesman and convey their thoughts and conerns to the Town Council and the rest of

Agawam's populace

Agawam Town Council Meeting — July 5th, 1994

I didn't expect to be speaking here so soon after my last appearance, but I was asked to make this

presentation by and for Agawam's senior citizens.
I'm here on behalf of many of Agawam's seniors and at their request. They have asked me to speak for them in regards to the proposed ordinance changes dealing with the Senior Center. And, as you can see, a representative contingent of seniors are here tonight for this very purpose. Incidentally, even though Mayor Johnson had

said that no new positions will be created, creating a new position is exactly what this pro-

posed ordinance does.

At the present time there is no position of Deputy Executive Director, but this ordinance will create such a position. If such were not true, then this proposed ordinance would not even be on your agenda. I say this only to insure that those

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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> Monday, July 18th Meeting of Agawam/West Springfield La Leche League At Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Spfld. 7:30 p.m. For further information, call 734-5922 or 739-7923

Wednesday, July 20th Program: "Mission To The Moon - Mission For The Earth" (celebrating 25th anniversary of the first moon landing) At Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam 6:30 p.m. For ages 8 to adult: call the library at 789-1550 to register

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who may be watching this meeting are aware of what is really happening here.

Anyhow, what the senior citizens have asked me to convey to this council is that they STRONG-LY OPPOSE the Senior Center ordinance and the changes it will make. Remember, it is THEIR Senior Center and THEIR opinion should be a major factor in any decision this council makes. jor factor in any decision this council makes

regarding the center and its operation.

Now, most of you on this council have no idea what really goes on at the Senior Center. Let's be honest. Most of you are never down there. I'm down at the center regularly and the only time I or many of the seniors see most of you is during YOUR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS OR FOR SOME OTHER POLITICAL REASON.

If you spent some genuine time there, you would know what is actually going on and the seniors would not have had to call you at home the past few days regarding this issue. Nor would they have to come here to convey their feelings about something that affects them and their

Now as to why Agawam's seniors oppose this ordinance. It is no secret that the present director, Richard Mundo, spends very little time at the center doing his primary job. By passing this ordinance and creating a Deputy Director's position, Mr. Mundo will spend even less time and get paid more for it

paid more for it. It it also no secret among the seniors that Mr. Mundo constantly and arrogantly states that he can do whatever he wants because the Senior Center is he. How can the Center be his? He does not, nor has he ever lived in Agawam and therefore has never paid any taxes in support of

You should already know why so many seniors are opposed to this proposal. In short, you as councilors should not be concerning yourself with making the director's job even softer than it already is. You should be concerned with making the director do his job, PERIOD.

You should be asking why Mr. Mundo was allowed to knowingly drive Town vehicles for over a year without a license, and then when he finally got caught, WHY SOMETHING WASN'T DONE. You should be asking why Mr. Mundo knowingly allowed some Senior Center employees to VER-BALLY ABUSE AND HARASS seniors at the

You should be asking why Mr. Mundo has been permanently using the new Senior Center van as there (as a summer employee), wages were cut.

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his personal vehicle, including visiting area bars at NIGHT and shopping and golfing during the DAY. And you should be asking why all of Mr. Mundo's illegal, improper, and arrogant activities are always being WHITEWASHED.

Finally, why is Mr. Mundo being given so much

credit for the operation of the Senior Center? The two major expenses and areas of use at the center are the luncheon meals and the various programs and activities. MR. MUNDO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OPERATION OF EITHER OF THESE FUNCTIONS.

The cafeteria is totally operated by a very competent staff led by a very competent lady. The ac-

petent staff led by a very competent lady. The activities and programs are developed, organized, and scheduled by another very competent woman. Since virtually all aspects of the Senior Center are being handled by very competent people, why then is it necessary to have a deputy?

With all the many competent people running the center, Mr. Mundo has plenty of time to do his primary job as director. He even has enough time to do the secondary jobs assigned to him. Therefore, there is no need for a deputy, given that the center runs pretty efficiently, NOT BECAUSE OF MR. MUNDO, BUT IN SPITE OF HIM.

In closing, as you make your decision regarding

In closing, as you make your decision regarding the proposed changes at the Senior Center, don't turn all your attention towards what you read, or what the budget states, or what Mr. Mundo says. Turn your attention to the people who you will really be affecting. Turn your attention towards the seniors, THOSE WHO REALLY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

And those of you, such as Councilors Gravel and Bitzas, who keep talking about how much you care about our seniors-don't just shake their hands and act like you're their best friends. FOR ONCE, ACTUALLY SHOW IT AND DO SOME-THING POSITIVE FOR THEM.

VOTE AGAINST THE ORDINANCE CHANGE. Thank-you sincerely, Louis J. Russo Feeding Hills

Casino Gambling In Agawam Is A Mirage!!!

To The Editor:

You mentioned last week about the possibility of increased jobs from casino gambling at Riverside. I knew someone who used to work at Riverside, and the second of two years they worked

The axiom "Given a choice between raising wages and decreasing wages, an employer would most likely reduce wages," is proven true in the history of Riverside, one of Agawam's major

Any illusion that casino gambling would be helpful to the working people of Agawam is truly a mirage. Stop & Shop created jobs in Agawam; the starting rate is approximately \$4.65 for the first six months, at which time one may qualify for a nickel or dime raise per hour.

The fact is, service-sector jobs are certainly increasing ... wages and real wages are not. Profits are increasing, and the economy is growing albeit

The persons bringing home more pay are not working class (middle class) people. Perhaps the formula does not apply regarding the situation at Riverside. I doubt it.

Sincerely, **Damian Gormley** Feeding Hills

F.H. Resident Praises State Rep. Candidate Dan Keenan

As a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Dan Keenan, candidate for State Representative, for his dedication to meeting future constituents and

listening to our concerns on a one-to-one basis.

Mr. Keenan has been visiting neighborhoods throughout Agawam, including my own, walking door-to-door for the last few weeks, even in the worst of last week's heat wave. Not only is he meeting people, but, more importantly, he is listening to our concerns, taking under advisement what he learns about what is bothering those of us who live in financially and socially troubled Massachusetts.

Mr. Keenan's educational background is without equal among the candidates for State Representative, but his qualifications have risen much higher in my view due to his efforts to really hear and consider voters' concerns.

I wish him all the best in his quest for the State

Representative position.

Joanne Brown Feeding Hills

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Girls' Softball Champions Thank Many, Many People

On behalf of the coaches of the girls' 10-13 Champion Fireballs, we would like to express our

sincere thanks to many people. First, we would like to thank One Stop Redemption, not only for sponsoring us, but also for their genuine support this season. Please patronize One Stop Redemption!

We would also like to thank Dawn Thomas (10-13 Commissioner) for all her work and time she gave to make the 10-13 girls' season so successful. The endless hours she put in are very much appreciated. Thanks, Dawn!

Also, we would like to thank all the parents of our girls for their support this season.

Most of all, we would like to thank Jennifer Pietroniro, Megan Rohan, Kristin Pisano, Tara Feeley, Amanda Galluzzo, Kornelia Moysis, Robin Przybyla, Tiffany Scaife, Athena Mastroianni, Melissa Crough, Kate Pisano, Jill Moccio, Michelle Beaudette, and Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle for all your hard work and for all the enjoyment you gave us coaching such a wonderful group of

We look forward to working with you again next

season! Congratulations, Champions!!!

Carol Pietroniro Bob Moccio Janet Shean

P.S. One Stop Redemption-thank you very much for the pizza party! Everybody had a great

Junior Women's Club Give **Kudos For World Map**

LEGAL NOTICE

In June, the Agawam Junior Women's Club painted the world map at the Middle School. We want to thank George Farina of George Farina Landscaping for helping us by cleaning the area of sand for us early that morning. It was a great help and a real time saver.

Thanks also go to Eileen Quinlan who had helped with painting the USA map at Clark School and knew we would need help with painting, to Town Council President Jim Taylor for helping us paint and get the countries' borders politically

Anne Shibley and Emily Norris, students at the Middle School, were also on hand to help paint and did a great job.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be holding a Membership Tea at the Agawam Library in September. This is a wonderful chance for women who are curious about our club and what we do.

All local women are invited to come and talk with members, look at our photo albums, and see the State trophies awarded to our club for projects done in 1993.

We have about 40 members presently and there is no age requirement or limit.

We are a very active club involved in a wide variety of projects and activities. We are very grateful to the community and local businesses for supporting us.

Sue Hoague Agawam Junior Women's Club

Agawam Library Says Thanks For Summer Reading Help

To The Editor:

The Agawam Library staff would like to publicly express our appreciation to the generous Agawam and Feeding Hills businesses and individuals who have contributed gifts and gift certificates to our 1994 Summer Reading Club weekly lottery

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Many thanks from the entire library staff. Thanks very much, Jeanne Hoffmann

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* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. sec 2000d et seg.);

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. sec 794); 45 C.F.R. Part 84

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. sec 8101 et seg.): 45 C.F.R. Part 91 Published: July 14, 1994

CASINO GAMBLING - from Page 1...

All In Favor Of The Referendum Question All eight council members present voted in favor of letting the townspeople voice their opi-

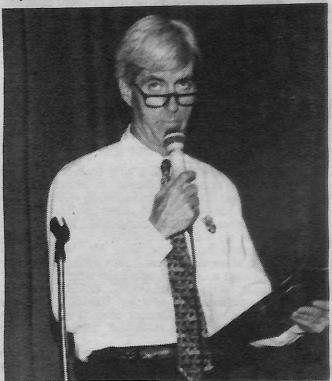
nion on the proposal to locate a casino operation at Riverside. Councilors Edward Caba, Robert Danie, and Jill Simpson were absent.

While casino gambling has not yet been legalized in Massachusetts, Fall River and Plymouth have already approved having a casino, and Springfield has just received approval for a non-hinding referendum to approve binding referendum to approve a casino to appear on the ballot in November.

In a letter to the council, Council President James Taylor stated his talks with senior state officials indicate that the fate of casino gambling in the state will remain "up in the air." Governor William Weld is currently negotiating with the Wampoanoag Indians who want to build a casino in New Rodford in New Bedford.

"Since no laws or regulations are in place and none are soon to be forthcoming, any non-binding ballot question would merely gauge the public sentiment about the concept of casino gambling,"

Taylor wrote to the council.



RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR Edward J. Carroll, Jr., is hoping to bring casino gambling to the popular amusement park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Carroll's Request For The Referendum

The request that Town Council petition the state to approve the non-binding referendum on the ballot came from Edward J. Carroll, Jr., president of Riverside.

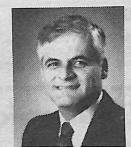
At last week's regular council meeting, Carroll said his company began research into the feasibility of locating a casino on their property not out of a desire to go into the gambling business, but "because we were fearful that the Foxwood Casinos of Ledyard, Connecticut, would build an amusement park and perhaps ruin our business.

Carroll said if casino gambling is legalized in Massachusetts, "In order to preserve our park, we need to make a riverboat casino part of our entertainment complex."

Competition from a planned \$100 million theme park at Foxwood would be devastating to the 1,500 seasonal and 100 year-round employees of

the park, according to Carroll.

The company is finalizing their research into the project and expects to announce the details of their plan for a casino in August, Carroll said.



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Are you one of the 163,000 Massachusetts taxpayers that claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) last year? If so, you may now be eligible to get advance EITC payments in your paycheck instead of waiting until the end of the year. Advance payments will allow low-income workers to increase their take-home pay by as much as \$102

Nationwide, fewer than one-percent of workers eligible for the credit are getting advance payments. Recent studies show that many employees are unaware of how to get this extra money in their paychecks, while others fear their employer's reaction if they ask for the credit to be added to their paychecks.

"The Advance EITC puts money into the pockets of Massachusetts Taxpayers now, helping to ease their day-to-day financial concerns," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Direc-

To claim the credit, you must complete a Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate and return it to your employer. Those who receive advance payments must file Form 1040 or Form 1040A, at the end of the year, to report the money received and to receive any additional amount that they may qualify for.

In 1994, the advance payment of EITC will be limited to 60-percent of the maximum credit that will be available to a taxpayer with one qualifying

child.

"If at any time during the year, your circumstances change and you are no longer eligible for the EITC, you will have to repay the amount advanced when you file your tax return. To stop the advance payment, you must fill out a new Form W-5 and give it to your employer," added

More information on Advance EITC can be found in Publication 596, Earned Income Credit. Employers can learn about their responsibilities and how easy it is to calculate the payment in Publication 15, Employer's Tax Guide

To order any of the free forms or publications, call the IRS's toll-free forms line at 1-800-829-3676.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, on THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of ALAN L FERRIGNO, ESQUIRE, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-88 of the stallation of a sign within the setback at the premises identified as 546 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals.

Ronald A. Hebert Chairman

Published: July 14, 1994

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano It Only Takes A Minute For A Fire To Grow

Fire is hot, deadly, and fast. It only takes a minute for a fire burning in a house to grow to three times its original size.

In four minutes, it grows to 11 times its size; and, in six minutes, it reaches 50 times its original size. The average temperature within eight minutes can reach 1,250 degrees!

Your actions during the early stages of a fire

can dramatically affect the amount of damage that is done:

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2. As you leave the area where the fire is located, close the door to confine the fire.

3. Call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's telephone. Remember, a fire grows quickly and you could become trapped. 4. Once everyone is out of the building, make

sure they stay out. You should not try to fight the fire until the first three steps have been completed. Also, if you can-not get within three to five feet of the fire; if it is more than five feet in height; or if it has spread beyond the point of origin ... you should leave the area, closing the door behind you.

For information on the use of portable fire extinguishers, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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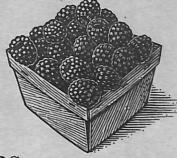
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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Crime Definitions

by Detective Wayne Macey **Agawam Police Department**

The following definitions of crime have been taken from the Massachusetts Criminal Law Reference Handbook. It is intended to familiarize the average citizen with how the state defines crimes and what elements are necessary before arrests and convictions can be secured.

ASSAULT & BATTERY: The intentional and unjustified use of force upon the person of another, however slight, or the intentional doing of a wanton or grossly negligent act causing personal injury to another.

RAPE: Having sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a person and compelling such a person to submit by force and against her/his will, or compelling such person to submit by threat of bodily injury.

ROBBERY: By force and violence, or by assault

and putting in fear, robbing, stealing, and taking from the person of another money or other property which may be the subject of larceny.

ARSON: Willful and malicious setting fires to, or causing to be burned, or aiding, counseling, or procuring the burning of, a dwelling house, or building adjoining or adjacent to a dwelling house, or a building by the burning whereof a dwelling house is burned, whether such a dwelling house or other building is the property of himself or another and whether the same is conhimself or another and whether the same is occupied or unoccupied.

BURGLARY: Breaking and entering of the dwelling of another in the nighttime with intent to com-

mit a felony.

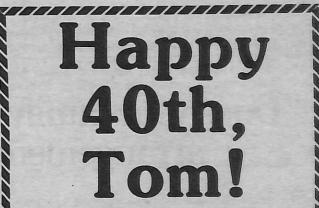
LARCENY: Trespassory taking and carrying away the personal property of another with the intent to deprive the owner permanently of its use. If the value of the property does not exceed \$250 (misdemeanor) and if the property is a firearm or the value of the property exceeds \$250 (felony).

INJURY TO PROPERTY: Destroys, injures the

personal property, dwelling house of, or building of another in any manner or by an means not particularly described or mentioned in this chapter is a crime. If willful and malicious, (felony), if wanton, (misdemeanor).

DISORDERY CONDUCT: That conduct which involves no lawful exercise of first amendment rights and which by its very nature involves use of physical violence or any threat to use such force or violence if that threat is effectively possible of immediate execution, or which is tumultuous.

ACCESSORY: One who is not a principle in the commission of a felony, but who is in some way criminally concerned therein, either before or after the felony is committed. The charge of accessory applies only in felonies. In misdemeanor cases, all persons accused are principles.





Love, Your "younger" siblings (Cindy, Rick, Judi, Jeff, Kim)

Agawam Obituaries

Ralph J. Regnier, Jr.

Ralph J. Regnier, Jr., 99, of 95 Chestnut Lane, Agawam, a World War I veteran, self-employed civil engineer, and ship designer, died at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northampton's Leeds section.

He worked for Stone & Webster Engineering Co. in Boston, and on the Tennessee Valley Pipeline. He then served in the Army during World War I, and attained the rank of captain.

He was the oldest veteran at the Leeds

Hospital, and recently received a 75-year medal.

He helped to design Victory ships at the Henry J. Kaiser and Frazier Shipyards in Rhode Island during World War II. He retired in 1975.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he attended schools there and in Cranston, Rhode Island. He was a graduate of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

While in Rhode Island, he was a lifelong communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Cranston, and a member of the Third Ward Democratic Club in Providence. He lived in Agawam for eight years,

and attended Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. His wife, the former Lillian Trudeau, died in 1967.

He leaves two sons, James A. of Agawam an 'Gerard of Westville, Indiana; a daughter, Marie C. Regnier of West Springfield; 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held in Sacred Heart Church, with burial at St. Francis Cemetery in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home was in charge of the ar-

Dorothy Magovern

Dorothy Eastman (Bodurtha) Magovern, 89, of 144 Birch Hill Road, Agawam, died at home.

She taught for many years in the Danahy and Robinson Schools. Several years ago, she taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Hampden.

Born in Springfield, New Jersery, she lived in Agawam most of her life, and also in West Spr-

She was a descendant of Reice Bodurtha, who settled in Springfield in 1640 and lived on the Bodurtha Homestead, which was deeded to the Bodurtha family in 1712 when Agawam was divid-

Mrs. Magovern was a 1924 graduate of Agawam High School, and also was graduated from the old Westfield Normal School. She was a life member of the First Baptist Church, and served in religious education, women's work, and on the pulpit committee.

She was in the Agawam Women's Club, the Historical Society, the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and the Retired Teachers Association. She also chaired the Edith G. Newell Committee, which was responsible for constructing a lodge at the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council Camp in

Her husband of 60 years, John N. Magovern, founded Magovern Co. in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. He died on May 23rd.

She leaves three sons, John B. and Robert A. of Agawam, and Charlie of Boulder, Colorado; two daughters, Marjorie A. Greenough of Agawam and Mary M. Zimmerman of Louisville, Kentucky; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
The funeral was held in the church, with burial

in Agawam Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the ar-

Memorial contributions may be made to the John and Dorothy Magovern Scholarship Fund in care of the church at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Hampshire County Hospice, No-ble Hospital, 86 Court Street, Westfield, MA

Arthur N. Provost

Arthur N. "Sonny" Provost, 77, of 482 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 24-year foreman in the town's Public Works Department, died at

Born in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and was wounded in the Guadalcanal campaign in 1942-43. He received a Purple Heart.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and belonged to the Agawam Senior Center, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Disabled of Western Massachusetts.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, the former Lillian L. Chaisson; a son, David A. of Athol; three daughters, Paula E. Theroux, Wendy L. Pierce, and Laurie L. Provost of Agawam; a sister, Flora Allen of Agawam; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in the Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled of Western Massachusetts, P.O. Box 2144, Springfield, MA 01101.

Lucy J. Linehan

Lucy J. (Kasper) Linehan, 82, formerly of 886 Main Street, Agawam, a retired buyer for the former Albert Steiger Department Store and Johnson's Book Store, both in Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

She also ran the concession stand at the former Veterans Memorial Municipal Golf Course in Spr-

ingfield.
Born in Westfield, she was a resident of Springfield and Agawam for 21 years.

Her husband, James Linehan, died on 1980. She leaves a brother, Arthur of Springfield, and

several nieces and nephews.
A graveside service was conducted Thursday morning, July 14th, at Pine Hill Cemetery in Westfield. There were no calling hours, and West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church memorial fund at 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

On Losing A Friend

by June B. Canders Cloutier

The anger I have felt doesn't mean much anymore. Denial is no longer a part of my fear. I have cried so many hopeful tears Hopeful that this time, this special person, Would be the one to be saved from this evil called

I have groped desperately for answers-Answers I've yet to find To help explain the reason for this,

The reason for the hurt and the pain So many people are feeling today. Sometimes I thought there was a chance,

Just a slight chance, That maybe,

Yes, maybe Those doctors were just overprecautious. It's not as severe as we think.

Another visit to the doctor brings another reminder Of that evil's invasion on the body's warfield.

Okay, that's all right. The doctors can fix that with surgery!

Technology today is so wonderful! With lasers, and radiation, and computers, and all that

It's okay 'cuz they caught it in time. Right?

Who was I kidding! Myself? My friends? Who? Reality-

Sometimes it's the worst enemy of all. It can slap you in the face, knock you down flat, Leave you hanging in the wind then let you plunge to

But it certainly is no friend When your close friend is dying And you're feeling so empty, So helpless, So painful,

So desperate, So hopeless, You can't say... 0

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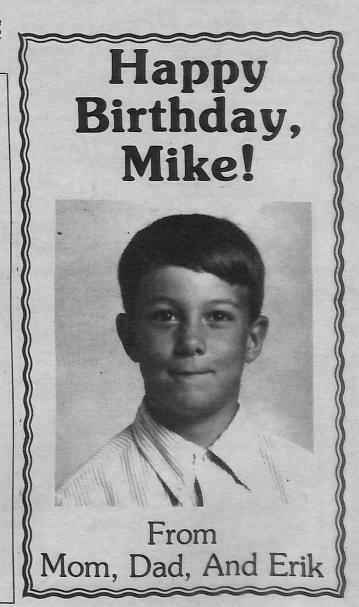
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Looking Back...

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July 1973

JULY 11th - SENIOR SERVICED CENTER DISCUSSED

The Housing Authority and the Senior Multi-Service Study Committee are currently considering the feasibility of including a multi-service center within the new elderly housing project.

Patricia Auth, executive director of the Agawam

Senior Center, said a definite need for such a

facility exists.

While promising the cooperation of the Housing Authority, chairman Raymond Charest noted that the study committee must obtain a commitment from Town Manager James Westman.
Present at the Housing Authority meeting were

Edward McMahon, a member of the Senior Citizens and chairman of the study committee, Claudia Torrey, a member of the Golden Age Club, and Frank Garde, a member of the Senior Citizens and the Golden Age Club.

Also attending the meeting was Andrew C. Gallano, Western Mass. Community Coordinator for the State Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

JULY 13th - CONFINENCISSEURS GALLOP TO HORSEMEAT STORE

Gaetano Fasolino, owner of the new horsemeat butcher shop at 495 Springfield Street in Agawam, says he has the anwer for dieters, and apparently plenty of consumers agree.

Meat fanciers have demonstrated their support by purchasing more than 2,500 pounds of horsemeat in the two days the store has been

Bitzas To Hold **Grand Opening** Of Headquarters

Candidate for State Representative George Bitzas will be having his campaign headquarters Grand Opening on Tuesday, July 19th, at 7:00 p.m. George and the members of his committee

would like to invite all residents of the Third Hampden District to come, meet the candidate, discuss issues, and enjoy complimentary refreshments. George will be available at his headquarters throughout his campaign and is

looking forward to meeting you.

The headquarters will be on 886 Springfield

Street, Feeding Hills.

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He is licensed to sell horsemeat by the Town of Agawam with state approval. He operates the only horsemeat store in the state and the ninth store

JULY 16th - TAX RATE SET AT \$40; UP BY \$2.60 Assessors set the tax rate of today at \$40, an increase of \$2.60 over last year's rate of \$37.40, and warned that too much of the tax burden is being put on the homeowner.

Because industrial and commercial growth was at a standstill last year, homeowners are bearing the bulk of the tax burden, Assessor Rudy Altobelli said.

Only eight percent of the \$6 million increase in property valuation in 1972 was commercial and industrial growth, compared to a 92 percent increase in single family dwelling and apartments.

This year's tax increase reflects a School Department budget increase of \$800,000 over last year. JULY 17th - KEEPS PRESSURE ON ROUTE 57

ISSUE A campaign to enlist community support for the completion of Route 57 and dangers on the existing highway were discussed by Town Council

members Monday. Councilor Kenneth Barnes suggested that completion of the highway through to Southwick is the only permanent solution to existing safety

A life-taking accident in June triggered an onsite inspection of the highway last week by area legislators, town officials, and state highway of-

Clearly-defined traffic lines were painted on the highway Saturday as a direct result of that meeting. Barnes also noted that traffic has increased considerably since construction of the

Several ecology-minded objectors clashed with

road in 1961. JULY 17th - OPPONENTS DEBATE MOSQUITO

proponents of a mosquito control program Thursday during a public hearing conducted by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health has taken under advisement whether or not to institute townwide fogging for mosquitoes during the last few weeks of the

Those opposed to the townwide fogging claim it is too late in the year to be effective and is unfair to those persons who do not want their areas sprayed.

John Farrington, a Conservation Commission member, recommended putting off a mosquito control program this year while researching regional mosquito control participation for next

JULY 18th - AGAWAM, SPRINGFIELD SEEK TO SETTLE GARBAGE SUIT

Lawyers for the Planning and Appeals Board and City of Springfield will attempt to negotiate an out-of-court settlement on the dispute over the

city's permit to dump garbage on Bondi's Island.
The Agawam Board of Appeals granted Springfield a permit February 9th, allowing the city to include garbage in it dumping operation on Bondi's Island.

The Agawam Planning Board filed suit in Superior Court March 9th, challenging the Appeals Board's authority to grant such a permit.

The appeal was filed on behalf of former Planning Board members Charles Calabrese, Paul Fieldstad, Albert Bonavita, Chester Nicora, and

JULY 26th - FARM CREDIT BANKS MOVING TO **AGAWAM**

The Farm Credit Banks of Springfield are planning to relocate here on an eight-acre site bordering the Westfield River.

Negotiations are under way to purchase the site, which abuts the Regency Apartments on the east and is north of the South End Bridge Circle and west of Route 5, according to Gordon Cameron, president of the banks.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE GEORGE BITZAS with his Campaign Manager Patrick Nolan and Campaign Coordinator Joanne McGeoghan, and three young helpers - Jennifer Gingras, Emily Hayslett, and Jessica Nolan are preparing the campaign headquarters on 886 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, for the July 19th grand opening.

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Peter Forastiere Is Enthusiastic Over Success Of Agawam Senior Ctr.

by Peggy Shoemaker Advertiser News Feature Writer

Peter Forastiere's enthusiasm rises steadily as he talks of the past, present, and future of the Agawam Senior Center, its facilities, programs, and potential.

And, it is contageous as well as inspiring to see this in the chairman of the Agawam Council on Aging. He terms the center "one of the best senior centers in the state, if not the best. It's a model for

other centers.' A resident of Willowbrook Drive for 19 years, Forastiere was appointed to the Council on Againg (COA) by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson in 1991. Rosalie Walsh is vice-chairwoman of the COA, and other members are Viola Smith, Mary Bianco, Charles Heyl, Janice Bonk (secretary), Reverend Donald Morris, and Edwin Colby. All are volunteers appointed by the Mayor for three-year terms, not to run simultaneously. There is

presently one opening on the COA.

The purpose of the COA is to oversee the operation of the Senior Center and to be a liaison between the Mayor, the center administration and staff, and town residents. COA meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month; here, members work to improve the quality of life for older residents, improve services through the center, and to pursue definitive ideas to accomplish these ends. The meetings are open to

A Planned Expansion For Senior Center COA members have met with architects to plan an expansion of the center to more adequately meet these activities and services. The plans will be submitted by Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the center, with an application for a state grant that would cover most of the costs (if award-

Among the things Forastiere would like to see are:

 The COA become more visable to the public in the years ahead;

More public involvement in and at the Senior

 COA members to be advocates, available to the public for consultation.

The function of the COA differs from "Friends of the Senior Center," a group that was started to be a volunteer fundraising organization to benefit the Senior Center. Lillian Doyle is the current president of Friends. Funds raised are used to provide things for the center that would not ordinarily be in the budget. The group consults primarily with Mundo.

Forastiere's pride in the accomplishments of the center is obvious as he rattles off such

 The center serves 2,000 persons, 60 and over, who participate in center activities. There are 6,000 seniors in Agawam, he adds, or 24% of the population;

 Nutritionally, 54,000 meals are served by the center, with Meals on Wheels (meals delivered to home-bound persons) making up 54% of the pro-

 Senior Center transportation provides rides for 14,000 passengers, including the handicapped

 The Senior Center receives approximately 200 calls a day for social assistance, meals, or rides.

• A commodity food distribution program pro-

vides government surplus foods to 600 persons. • Flu shots for 800 seniors a years are coordinated with the Agawam Health Department.

"Two years ago I was instrumental, with Richard Mundo, in starting a memorial program that would also raise funds for the center. Envelopes were designed and printed for the convenience of persons who would like to make a memorial gift in memory of a loved one to the

Senior Center," Forastiere said.
The gifts go into a special COA account and not into the general fund, Forastiere emphasized, and are used for services to the elderly. The family of the deceased is notified in writing of the gift by Mundo, Forastiere said, and the name of the deceased is engraved on a plaque in the center's main hall.

Each year there is a luncheon program where family members and friends of those memorialized are invited.

Forastiere's Background Forastiere is a grandson of Frank Forastiere, who opened the first Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield in 1905. Frank's son, Anthony, joined his father's business in the 1930's; Anthony's son,

Frank, joined in 1969, and then Peter in 1975.

Peter graduated from Classical High School in Springfield and earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing and management from American International College. He also graduated from the New England Institute in Boston as a funeral director and embalmer.

In 1980, five years after Peter joined the third generation of Forastieres in the funeral service business, the family opened the Colonial Funeral Home on Main Street, Agawam. Other familyoperated homes are at 45 Locust Street, Springfield, and 624 College Highway, Southwick. A fourth home is being constructed on North Main Street, East Longmeadow, and is expected to be completed in October.

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Polish American Club Of Agawam Installs **New Bingo Equipment**

After months of planning, the Polish American Club has realized its dream come true of state-of-

the-art Bingo equipment. The equipment was completely installed as of July 5th, 1994.

The club has been successfully operating Bingo games since 1974, according to current member-in-charge, Bob Binnenkade of Feeding Hills

Bob became interested in the new high-tech equipment after attending games on Cape Cod and Ledyard. After convincing the Board of Directors of the benefits of updating the equipment, members of the Bingo Committee and club president Ron Labun began visiting other area games to help make the best decision on which equipment would best suit their needs. The System 100 was the final choice.

The System 100 comes with a verifier that allows confirmation of the winning games by inputting the numbers located in the free space into the computer. Also purchased was a camera to project the image of numbered balls onto three TV monitors located strategically in the pavilion.

The games are now all paper instead of the hard cards used in the past for regular games. The players and the workers seem enthusiastic about the new equipment and program changes

Approximately 190 players attend the Bingo each week, and seats are still available for small groups of players. The hall will hold approximately 220 players comfortably.

The Bingo players are provided with free coffee and tea at the snack bar. Beverly Binnenkade and her kitchen workers also sell hot dogs, hamburgers, muffins, candy, crackers, cookies, and soft drinks as well as a few surprising goodies

Bingo is held each Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at the pavilion at 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. Plan on attending and see for yourself how enjoyable a Bingo can be.

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PETER FORASTIERE - from Page 10...

Frank's daughter, Elaine, and her husband, Mark Smith, are also licensed funeral directors and embalmers with the firm. Completing the family circle at this time is Frank's wife, Lila, who is the grief counselor with the firm.

The COA chairman is married to the former Debbie Harlow of Amsterdam, New York, and the couple have three sons: Matthew, 17, a senior at Agawam High School; Michael, 15, a sophomore at AHS; and Peter, 10, who will attend Agawam Middle School in September.

Believing that over the years his business experience has given him an insight into the problems of the elderly and their families, Forastiere replied to a newspaper notice and asked to be ap-

pointed a member of the Council on Aging.
"I felt my experience could do some good there," he said. Apparently, the Mayor thought so, too, and appointed him in 1991. He was elected by the COA to be chairman in April.

Forastiere believes that the Senior Center is

well-run and said that a job bank is being reactivated at the center. This will provide opportunities for persons seeking work and those needing work performed. "I would also like to see a volunteer bank that might offer opportunities for seniors to volunteer and for would-be volunteers

to assist seniors.
"What I really want," he declared, "is to see the Agawam Senior Center prosper toward fulfilling

Dinosaur Sleepover At Science Museum

Families are invited to a dinosaur sleepover at the Springfield Science Museum from 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th, to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July

Campers will learn about some present day "dinosaurs," silkscreen their own t-shirts, hunt for dinosaurs in the museum, and enjoy a pizza party in the evening. A light breakfast will be provided in the morning

Children must be between five and 12 years of age and accompanied by one or more adults. Those interested should register for the program before July 17th. The cost is \$25 for nonmembers and \$20 for members

For more information and registration forms, contact Laurie MacDonnell, Camp-in Coordinator, at 413-733-1194.

The Springfield Science Museum is located at the Quadrangle on the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Summer hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children six through 18, and free for children under six and members of the Springfield Library and Museums. The single admission fee includes entry to all four museums at the Quadrangle.



COUNCIL ON AGING CHAIRMAN PETER FORASTIERE chats with senior citizens Maria Jarry and Mabel Miller at lunchtime last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Senior Center Again Has **Busy Week Of Activities**

The Agawam Senior Center recently went to the

dogs when it was visited by a group of Springer Spaniels. The dogs were accompanied by their owner and trainer, Dave Krassler.

Dave, owner of Citari Kennels, is well-known among hunting dog owners and trainers throughout New England. He is also considered one of the most expert dog handlers in the Northeast.

Activities Director Sandra Smith and former Town Councilor Louis Russo began a series of outdoor-related programs and activities. Smith and Russo realized that there are many senior citizens who are interested and still take an active part in outdoor activities.

The programs have been very well received ever since the first one that consisted of well-known fishing expert Al Gag.

Because of the favorable response to Al Gag's program, additional programs have been planned or developed. As a result, Dave and his dogs were invited to the Senior Center as part of the ongoing

Unfortunately, due to poor weather, an abbreviated version of Dave's dog demonstration had to be held indoors. However, because of the large group that was present for the program, Dave has volunteered to put on his complete outdoor program at a later date.

There are several other programs being considered for this year. The next planned activity is an ocean fishing trip that will take place September 13th. There is limited space so reservetions are being taken on a first same basis.

vations are being taken on a first-come basis.
Fishing expert Al Gag has volunteered to come along and give expert instructions and helpful tips. The trip will consist of round-trip bus fare, use of all necessary gear and equipment, and a

For further information or to reserve a space, contact Sandra Smith at the Agawam Senior Center by calling 786-0400, extension 242.

Happy 40th, Kathy!



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Princess Pageant A Classy Affair At Chez Josef

by Holly Pevzner Advertiser News Staff

On Thursday, June 23rd, Agawam played host to the town's First Annual America's Hometown

Princess Pageant.

That evening, Chez Josef in Agawam was filled with approximately 100 girls waiting to compete in Agawam's Princess Pageant, Talent, and Scholar Court. Under the local direction of Nancy DeCosmo Locke, these young ladies were afforded the constructive to take part in this truly unique. ed the opportunity to take part in this truly unique

Mrs. Locke, who has been an Agawam resident her entire life, is a 20-year veteran of organizing pageants. She has also participated in such events as a youngster. In bringing America's Hometown Princess to Agawam, she has brought, in her words, a "full opportunity" to today's young women. She explained that "self esteem [was] very much acknowledged" in the pageant.

These days, the traditional beauty pageant has had many negative connotations accompanying it. Their opponents say the pageants treat women

it. Their opponents say the pageants treat women like objects, not like the intelligent, talented people they really are. America's Hometown Princess has tried its hardest to steer clear of the traditional acids. Although the contestants tional, said Mrs. Locke. Although the contestants still are adorned in gowns and casual wear on the runway, their speaking ability and individual personality are stressed.

Four Categories - Five Age Groups

This competition had four separate categories and five different age groups. For one reasonable fee of \$59, the young women could enter one category or all four. The different divisions included the Scholar Court, Photogenic Royal Court, the Hometown Talent Queens (group and solo), and the Princess Court.

The ladies going for the Scholar Court had to write an essay focusing on the most positive opportunities women are confronted with today as opposed to generations of women past. The girls had a limited amount of time to put their work together and no revisions were allowed before reading their work in front of the crowd at Chez

Josef. While on stage, the ladies were instructed to answer the question, "You have just received the Academy Award for best actress, what role would you have played to receive this honor?" The girls offered a variety of responses, from a single mother to com-

In the 13-15 division, Alice Boucher came home with first prize and a \$100 scholarship. In the 16-20 division, Samira Zebian took the scholarship.

In the Photogenic Category, Courts of two, five, and 10 were chosen, depending on the age group. These ladies were judged solely on photographs submitted before the competition. The pictures, as well as the entire event, were judged by Springfield's Paige Types, who played April O'Neill in ingfield's Paige Turco, who played April O'Neill in the last two "Teenage Mutant Ninga Turtles" movies. Paige has also appeared in both "The Guiding Light" and "All My Children" and has another movie project in the works.

Also judging were Joy Levitt, owner of Kiddly Winks children's toys and clothing store in Longmeadow, and actress/model Ava Schofield. Joining the women in judging was Gary Champagne, owner of Champagne Limousine in

Holyoke. Helping to make the evening's activities run smoothly was Master of Ceremonies Thomas Locke, Mrs. Locke's son, who is a professional actor studying in New York City. Joining Mrs. Locke and Tom were TV22's Lynn Berry and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

From Dancing To Martial Arts
The many talented females of the Western
Massachusetts area showed their stuff during the solo and group talent competitions. A total of five dance groups walked away with awards that evening. As far as the individual talent went, the girls did everything from dance and song to martial arts and playing the piano.

As with every category, excluding the scholar competition, courts were selected for each age

After each young woman paraded down the runway and completed their interviews with the judges, the final winners were announced in the Hometown Agawam Court and the Western Mass. Divisional Court. Each of the girls were awarded trophies, flowers, banners, and ribbon wreaths in

lieu of the traditional crowns. Also, each contestant went home with a participation trophy.

After the awards were all handed out, Mrs. Locke hoped each girl left "with more than a trophy." She hopes every young lady left feeling good about the evening; everyone being a winner.



AMERICA'S HOMETOWN PRINCESS ROYAL COURT, 7-9 finalists. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AMERICA'S HOMETOWN PRINCESS Royal Court, 10-12 finalists. Advertiser News photo by Jack



AMERICA'S HOMETOWN PRINCESS ROYAL COURT, 13-15 finalists. Advertiser New photo by Jack Devine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Princess Pageant A Truly Classy Affair

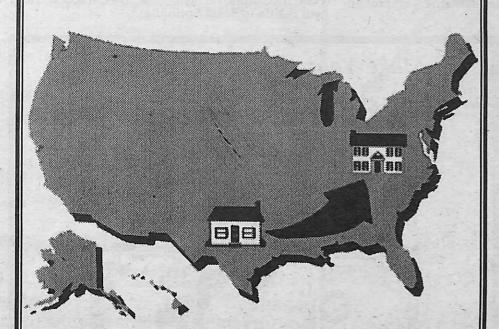




THE FIRST ANNUAL AMERICA'S HOMETOWN PRINCESS PAGEANT was held last month at Chez Josef. IN PHOTO LEFT, finalists of the Royal Court for ages 16-20 are pictured; IN PHOTO RIGHT, judges and pageant officials are pictured. From left - Thomas Locke, master of ceremonies; Gary Champaigne, judge; Paige Turco, judge/actress; Ava Schoefield, judge/actress; Jay Levitt, judge; Nancy Locke, pageant director; and Brittany Locke, hostess. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS on Page 12. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Cynthia Jochim **Engaged To Wed** Joseph Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Jochim of Feeding Hills announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Cynthia, to Joseph Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martin of Agawam.

Cynthia graduated from Framingham State College in 1993 with a bachelor of arts in education. She is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School.

Joe attended Springfield Technical Community

College and is a member of the Naval Reserves. He is employed as a manufacturing supervisor with the Simmons Company in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High

An August 20th, 1994 wedding is planned.

Forest Park Zoo Has **Many New Attractions** For Family Fun

The Springfield based Zoo In Forest Park has added many new exhibits and has expanded its program. As a result of greatly increased numbers

of individuals, families, and groups visiting the Zoo its hours have been increased.

The Zoo is now open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and exists to serve the population throughout Western Massachusetts and Connecticut

and Connecticut.
Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, noted that among the Zoo's new exhibits is a South American cougar, two baby bears, a hands-on deer walk-through area, and Muntjac (miniature deer).

and Muntjac (miniature deer).
In addition, the Zoo has dozens of adorable spring births including baby llama, capybara, and goats. Hodgman noted, "We are pleased to daily receive compliments over the many new improvements we have made. It's a wonderful time to visit the Zoo and we are happy to better accommodate the public through our expanded hours. A visit to the Zoo promises to be a most enjoyable and happy experience!" joyable and happy experience!"
In addition to the over 150 animals, comprising

nearly 50 species, the Zoo has a delightful Gift Shop, a "Zoolicious" food concession, and provides train rides throughout Forest Park.

The Zoo also conducts educational programs and provides talk and slide shows to interested

Hodgman also noted, "This is a wonderful time to become a member of the Forest Park Zoological Society. Members receive free admissions of the Forest Park Zoological Society. sion to the Zoo for a year together with train passes and food coupons."

For further information about the Zoo In Forest Park and to receive a membership application, call the Zoo at (413) 733-2251.

Travis J. Raby Grad Of Basic Training

Air National Guard Airman Travis J. Raby has graduated from Air force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human

relations In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through

the Community College of the Air Force. Raby is the son of James M. Raby of 306 Cooper

He is a 1989 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School.



MR. & MRS. DANIEL D'ANGELO

Amy Weber Weds Daniel D'Angelo

Amy Weber and Daniel D'Angelo exchanged wedding vows on May 21st, 1994 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Cynthia Weber of 74 Cooper Street, Agawam. The groom is the son of John and Carol D'Angelo of 57 Haswell Circle, Ludlow.

Attending as maid of honor was Lisa Fleury.
Dino D'Angelo served as best man.
The bride is a 1988 graduate of Cathedral High
School and a 1992 graduate of Springfield College. She is employed at Sacred Heart School as a kindergarten teacher.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Ludlow High School, a 1985 graduate of Bridgton Academy, and a 1989 graduate of Westfield State College. Presently, he is employed by the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club as the program director.

Following a reception at St. Anthony's Social Hall, the couple honeymooned on Cape Cod. They will reside in West Springfield.

For copies of his photos in this edition of the AAN, contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; he'll be glad to help you!



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Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry To Benefit From Golf Tournament

by Holly Pevzner Advertiser News Staff

In a world where it sometimes seems that nobody cares, whether it be about a homeless man or a hungry young mother, the Open Pantry has never stopped caring. For about a decade, the Open Pantry of West Springfield has been filling the stomachs and providing clothing for those less fortunate.

The Open Pantry has recently altered its name to "better define the area (they) serve," according

to Donald Conklin, president of the Board of Directors. It is now referred to as the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

Local Residents Account For 40 Percent
For those of you who believe that the homeless and the hungry only exist in big cities, think again—40 percent of the indivduals helped by the Open Pantry live right here in Agawam. Poverty and abuse know no boundaries.

If the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry

could run on love and dedication alone, there would be no person who went unfed in Western Massachusetts. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The Open Pantry runs solely on donations. Due to the decrease of funds this year, the Open Pantry is not able to provide services the entire

One individual in particular who decided to do something about this dilemma is Paul Skowera, who likes to consider himself a "friend of the Open Pantry." And quite a friend he has been.

Over the past four months, Skowera has been pouring his time and effort into the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Open Pantry.

Skowera used to run tournaments for the Lions

Club of West Springfield, so he is no stranger to the game of golf. And last year, he decided to combine his love for golf with the cause which had captured his heart. Up until that point, Paul had been donating his own money to the Open

Moon Landing Topic Of Library Program On July 20th

On Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m., the Agawam Public Library is pleased to present a program entitled, "MISSION TO THE MOON—MISSION FOR THE EARTH" by Jim

This is the Summer Workshop Program in Astronomy and Space Science for residents of the Greater Springfield-Hartford area. The program will feature the "25th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing" and "Views of the Earth from

The program is a one-hour workshop that will celebrate our first landing on the moon using photographs and scale models. Also, these missions to the moon gave birth to a new perception of our Earth and our relationship to this planet.

During the past 25 years, more spacecraft have viewed our world from far beyond the atmosphere. A selection of these colorful and breathtaking images will be presented in the second portion of the program.

Due to its popularity in previous years, each participant will receive a set of worksheets to take home, including suggestions for "Projects to Make and Do." A poster exhibit will feature NASA's Apollo "Man on the Moon" Program and Earth Observing System.

g. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 18th: Cabbage! soup, chunky chicken salad on rye, tossed salad, strawberry shortcake.

Tuesday, July 19th: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, corn, Canadian oat bread, fresh plum.

Wednesday, July 20th: Roast i turkey, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, canned peaches.

Thursday, July 21st: Baked chicken leg, potato puffs, zucchini, pumpernickel bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, July 22nd: Baked fish, i baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, blackberry cup with whipped topp-

Pantry. "I wanted to do something more," explain-

ed Skowera.

Last year's golf tournament managed to pull in 40 golfers and approximately \$4,000. "It turned out quite well," Skowera said. On Wednesday, August 10th, it will all be done once again, and with the public's help, the numbers will keep

From Danish And Coffee To Dinner
This year's event will be held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Southwick. The golfers day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and danish, followed by tee-off at 9:45 a.m. It will be a shot-gun start, where each team of five begins simultaneously at different holes. After a day of golf, all are invited to a lovely dinner at the country club later on.

Besides raising money for a great cause, enjoying a day of golf, and a delicious meal, prizes will be handed out, via a raffle, a hole-in-one contest. and of course, the tournament winners. Some of the prizes include a stereo system, VCR, Red Sox tickets, a vacation, a pool, plus many golf-related prizes. All of these prizes are donated by local

"I take care of everything all by myself," explained Skowera.

Amazingly enough, the hardest part of orchestrating the entire event is not getting prizes, and it's not the months of preparation. He told *The AAN*, "The hardest part is getting the players." Potential golfers are able to register right up until the end. There is a fee of \$79 to participate in this fundraising event and for additional information, you are encouraged to call the Open Pantry.

Without the help of the citizens of Agawam and fundraisers such as this one, people will go hungry. Thanks to the big heart of Paul Skowera, perhaps fewer will go without this summer.

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WEST SPRINGFIELD - AGAWAM OPEN PANTRY

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Trip To Ellis Island & Statue Of Liberty **Planned For August 14**

Saint Ann's Travel Club is sponsoring a trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island on Sunday, August 14th. Visit the Statue of Liberty and/or Ellis Island as time permits. Your ticket on the Circle Island Boat will take you both places, it depends on where you want to spend your time.

Food concessions are available. Departure will be from the South Street Seaport, where you may shop or visit the many food places.

The bus leaves St. Ann's at 7:00 a.m. (no stop on way), and returns at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per per-

For further information, call Angela Giorgi at 736-7661.

A trip to the "Christmas Spectacular" at Radio City Music Hall starring The Rockettes is scheduled for Sunday, November 20th.

The show starts at 11:00 a.m. (Orchestra Section/First Mazzanine)

The bus leaves St. Ann's at 7:00 a.m. (non-stop), and will leave New York at 5:30 p.m. (rest stop). Cost per person is \$65.

For more information, call Angi Giorgi at 736-7661.

"Country Music BBO" To Be Held At Christ **Lutheran Church**

an authentic "Country Music Barbecue" on Sunday, July 24th from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Raindate: August 14th). Southwick: The entire community is invited to

Featuring live country music and home country cooking, the event will be held on the grounds of Christ Lutheran Church, 568 College Highway (Route 10-57-202), Southwick Control

Tickets are available at the Southwick General Store or at Christ Lutheran Church (\$10 adults; \$5 children, includes meal and entertainment).

Linedancing with Rustler's Edge will be featured, and a raffle drawing will be held. Proceeds benefit the Christ Church Children's Ministry

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Heritage Hall Nursing Home Still **Recruiting Junior Summer Volunteers**

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Children over the age of 12 can work with Heritage Hall residents by visiting, calling Bingo, creating crafts, painting, walking, serving ice cream, organizing picnics and social gatherings, singing, dancing, or playing an instrument. The list of programs is endless.

Junior volunteers must be mature, capable of working on a project with little supervision, and comfortable in an nursing home environment. Parents can contact Brenda Marsian at 786-8000

Westfield Boys & Girls Club Is Looking For Crafters For October 1994 Fair

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc. are looking for "crafters" to participate in a Craft Fair at the Club on October 29th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Craft Fair will be held in conjunction with a Fall Festival Family Weekend, planned by the

Club as one of the events to kick off the celebra-

tion of the Club's 25th Anniversary.
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Agawam/F.H. Chapter Of AARP Installs New **Officers For 1994-1995**

Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter No. 4915 of AARP held its most recent monthly meeting on

AARP held its most recent monthly meeting on June 27th at the Agawam Senior Center.

At this meeting, the new officers for 1994-1995 were installed by Estelle Glaser of the Springfield AARP Chapter. Those installed were:

President, Jessie Fuller, Vice President, Joseph Klundt; Secretary, Patricia Matte; Treasurer, Oliver Muldrew; Board of Directors—Paul Osypuk, Ruth Pieper, George Schlagel, and Rose Paro.

President Fuller said a few words regarding the success the club has achieved in the short time that is has been in existence. She urged all town

that is has been in existence. She urged all town residents over 50 years of age to join the organiza-

Refreshments were served and entertainment for the evening was a sing-a-long with Libby Cam-

This was the last Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP meeting until September 26th at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining this organization may con-

tact any officer or attend the September meeting. For additional information, contact Ruth Pieper



NEW OFFICERS of the AARP are top photo, from left -Joseph Klundt, vice-president; Oliver Muldrew, treasurer; Jessie Fuller, president; Patricia Matte, secretary. PHOTO LEFT - Paul Osypuk, Rose Paro, and George J. Schlagel. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Church News

Agawam Congregational Church's New Organist Finds Job "Challenging"

by Holly Pevzner Advertiser News Staff

Music is said to be the speech of angels. And was about 14 years-old. there is no more fitting place to enjoy that music than in church. The Agawam Congregational Church has recently added a new minstrel to their congregation.

Not too long ago, Bryan Kirby joined the Agawam Congregational Church as its new organist. Kirby, along with his wife, Ruth, moved to Agawam this past January from North Carolina. He moved to the East Coast in order to attend the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to obtain his doctorate in German.

The Kirbys, being new to the area, were anxious to become involved in community activities. One day, while browsing through the newspaper, Kirby stumbled upon an advertisement for an organist at a local church. Since Kirby has been involved with both music and church his entire life, this

was a perfect opportunity.

Kirby comes from a strong musical and religious combination. As a youngster, Bryan began playing the piano at five years-old. Even though Bryan started at the urging of his parents, he "just loved it." Throughout his musical life, Bryan has also played the collection the violation. Bryan has also played the cello, the violin, the baritone, and of course, the organ.

Kirby has always been involved in church happenings. He cannot recall a time in which church was not a part of his life. "I've always been involved," he said. His father is a minister and has been a military and a hospital chaplain. Kirby began playing the organ for church services when he

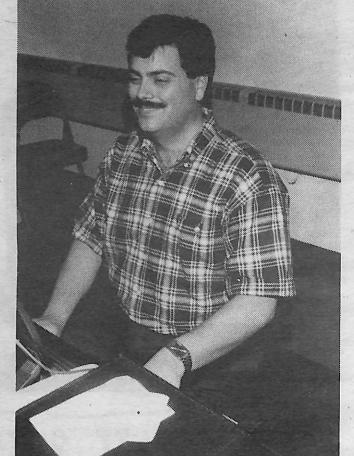
So, when Kirby came upon the ad looking for an organist, he saw the ideal opportunity. Kirby went down to the Agawam Congregational Church to audition for the job. There he played the organ for approximately seven individuals, some being members of the music committee. Later that same day, Kirby was named the new organist for the local church.

Ideal Opportunity

Kirby describes his new job as "challenging." He is looking forward to the fall when the church choir will join them. Also getting involved in church affairs is Mrs. Kirby. She will be singing in the choir as well.

When he is not playing the organ at church, there are many other things to keep him busy. Currently, Kirby is employed at American Airlines in Hartford. Books also keep him pretty occupied. And there is no light reading on the Kirbys' book shelves. He likes to stick with German literature and some George McDonald publications. And you are more than likely to hear contemporary Christian music and some classical tunes come

from his radio, with his favorite being Bach.
Although moving from the South to Western Massachusetts is a big change, the Kirby family seems to be adjusting nicely. He describes the people of Agawam as "very nice" and these friendly Southerners are happy to call Agawam



BRYAN KIRBY, new organist and choir director at the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

Rev. Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "A New House for God."

Don't forget the 21-Plus Work Day this Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. Putting together the new playground will be easier with your help!

Remember also the picnic on Sunday to unveil the new play equipment.

Bring your children to church on Sunday and they will set sail with Noah's Ark.

Under the direction of Karl Moore, a video based on the story of Noah's Ark is being made during Sunday worship hour. Come on board!

Please call the church office at 786-5061 to sign up for Vacation Bible School. The cost is only \$5 per child, with a maximum of \$15 per family.

The fun takes place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,

August 15th through 19th, at the church.

The deadline to get news into *The Informer* is Tuesday, July 19th.

Meetings this week:

* Christian Education Committee - Tuesday, July 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

Music Committee - Wednesday, July 20th, at

Calendar Of Events At Ag. Congregational

Our Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, July 10th, and will continue through September 4th.

Rev. Fuller's sermon this week will be "We Are Members of the Household of God; but Whose Turn is it to do the Chores?"

"On to Oakland": The Youth groups are planning on attending the Twentieth General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Oakland, California next June. This meeting will include several thousand people in attendance from all over the world.
The groups have raised over \$2,000 towards

their goal of \$12,000. They will have a pot luck supper on Thursday, July 21st, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 1995 trip and future fundraisers.

Our Church 175th Anniversary is just around the

The celebration begins on Friday, September 9th, with a Music Festival and an Anniversary Dance.

On Saturday, September 10th, we will have a Parade and Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and an Anniversary Dinner that night.

On Sunday, September 11th, there will be two Special Worship Services and a special coffee hour with an Anniversary Cake. Mark your calendars TODAY!

Sacred Heart Church Slates Annual Tailgate Sale For Sept. 10th

Sacred Heart Church on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, is under way in its preparations for its Annual Tailgate Sale.

This event, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will take place on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Rain date will be

Sunday, September 11th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

If you are interested in renting a space, please call Theresa at 786-4966. If you just want to browse, please keep this date in mind.

Dominican Nuns Slate Hour Of Prayer & Song

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel at 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, on Sunday, July 17th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.
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Another Chicken Dinner At Valley Community





VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH in Feeding Hills continued with its monthly chicken suppers recently. IN PHOTO LEFT, the Barakos, Edward & Janice, are about to enjoy their dinners; IN PHOTO RIGHT, young Marge Secora served as one of the kitchen helpers. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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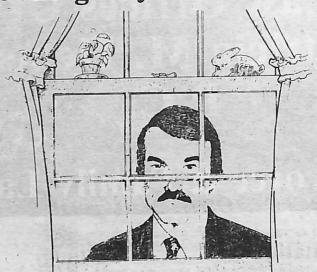
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Spotlight On Business

Hi-Tech Mobile Wash Perfect Way To Give Your Home A Bath

by Holly Pevzner **Advertiser News Staff**

One thing you can count on in New England is the ever-changing weather. If there isn't a freezing blizzard in the dead of winter, there are bundles of leaves tumbling in the wind in mid-autumn. If you can't keep track of the constant fluctuating conditions, at least Hi-Tech Mobile Wash can keep up with what Mother Nature leaves behind.

A little over a month and a half ago, Agawam natives Rick Brown and Jon Kelley made it their business to fight head-to-head with the end results of the very-changing weather. The two recently purchased Hi-Tech Mobile Wash at 1069

Northwest Street, Feeding Hills.
What exactly do Rick and Jon do, you ask?
Well, these two entrepreneurs, along with their high-tech equipment, wash away what nature drops on the exterior of your home. Servicing both aluminum/vinyl sided homes, as well as homes with a wood finish, **Hi-Tech Mobile** uses only the best supplies.

Keeping the customers' health and safety in mind, Rick and Jon use only bio-degradable chemicals during their cleaning process. In order to make sure that the job is completed properly, Hi-Tech Mobile uses high pressure, hot water hoses. This, coupled with the chemicals, ensures the safe removal of dirt and mold.

When homeowners attempt to take on this job themselves, they almost always fall short, according to Brown. He told *The AAN*, "What takes you a week to do, we can do in two to four hours."

Also, do-it-yourselfers cannot get their home as clean by using a garden hose, dish detergent, and a brush. With the Hi-Tech Mobile Wash system,

mold is actually repelled for three to five years. But there is more to **Hi-Tech Mobile** than scrubbing your siding spick and span. Rick and Jon also rid tractor trailers, buses, exhaust systems, and restaurant oven hoods of their dirt and grime. And all of this is accomplished at a reasonable price. There are no set prices at Hi-Tech Mobile Wash. Each job and customer is treated specially. As Brown explained, "We work with the customer to find a reasonable price."

Although Hi-Tech Mobile Wash is a relatively new operation, their clientele is pretty impressive. They service local Dairy Marts and Riverside Amusement Park.

Also, both Brown and Kelley beaded up to the

Also, both Brown and Kelley headed up to the Great Woods outdoor concert facility in Boston to clean the music group 38 Special's tour busses.

Impressive Job Pays Off
Also, when country star Travis Tritt rolled into Agawam to wow the crowds at Riverside Park, his wheels needed cleaning. The tour-bus drivers were so impressed with **Hi-Tech's** job, they spread the word upon returning to their base. The favorable word of mouth has guaranteed Rick and Jon jobs for each tour bus which comes to the

area from that particular bus company.

There is no need to be rich and famous to enjoy the exceptional service of Hi-Tech Mobile Wash; you don't even have to live in Agawam. "We'll travel anywhere to work," says Brown. Our usual customer base is Western Massachusetts and Southern Connecticut.'

Hi-Tech Mobile Wash is a business with loads of ambition. "We aren't afraid to stay the extra hour. We are busting our (butts) out there," said Brown. And all that hard work is paying off. The positive feedback is pouring in. "Everybody has been extremely happy (with our work)," he added. When living in New England, your home takes a beating from the changing weather. That home

beating from the changing weather. That home should be cleaned about every four years, so why not let the professionals handle it? With great quality work and a reasonable price, one can't go wrong. For more information, call **786-9674** or **786-1757**.

New Nursing Home Receives Approval To Admit Residents

On July 15th, 1994, after receiving its final approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Country Estates of Agawam—a spacious 164-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center located at 1200 Suffield Street—will admit the first residents. admit its first residents

Situated on a magnificent 10-acre site on Suffield Street and in close proximity to Routes 57, 90, and 91, Country Estates will provide 24-hour skilled nursing care and a comprehensive range of supportive and rehabilitative services. With 66,000 square feet of space, the elegant and state-of-the-art facility offers a conductive and functional environment for all of its residents whether they require short-term, long-term rehabilitative, sub-acute, or respite care.

In addition to oversized private and semi-private residents' rooms, Country Estates offers large and well-equipped therapy areas. Along with its Physical Therapy Gymnasium and Occupational Therapy Suite, the staff of Country Estates will be able to utilize a Transitional Apartment in order to retrain residents who will be returning to their

According to Robert Platt, principal owner of the facility, "Every element of Country Estates— the design, the lighting, the amenities, the selec-tion of color and furnishings, and most importantly the programs-carries out our goal to create a warm environment which affords each resident

the maximum level of independence and dignity."
Country Estates of Agawam offers the resident a long list of amenities, including: individual heat and air conditioning along with cable TV and telephone outlets in all resident rooms; patios and a large, enclosed courtyard; a beauty salon/ barber shop; a gift shop; spacious sitting and living rooms; and a recreational therapy program that will operate seven days a week and will in-

clude some evening programs.
Connie Henning, Administrator of Country Estates, announces that a Community Open House has been scheduled for Sunday, August 7th, 1994 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For further information about Country Estates, please call Gina Blackie, Director of Admissions, at (413) 789-2200.

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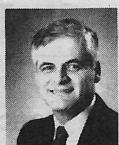
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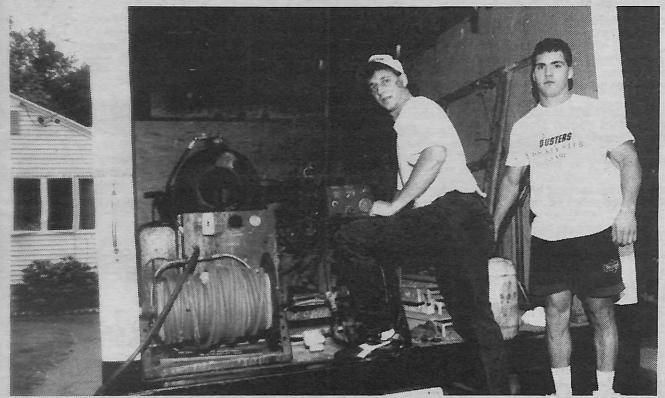


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Hi Tech Mobile Wash Is One Clean Outfit



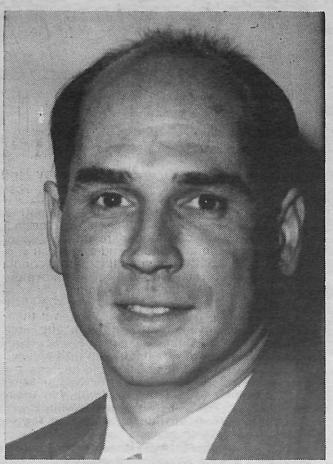
YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Rick Brown and Jon Kelley are the new owner and operators of Hi Tech Mobile Wash of Agawam. Both men are graduates of Agawam High School and stand by the company's reputation of high quality work at a fair price. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RICK BROWN and JON KELLEY, owners of Hi Tech Mobile Wash of Agawam, are about to embark on another exterior cleaning job of an Agawam home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JON KELLEY, co-owner of Hi Tech Mobile Wash of Agawam, power washes an Agawam home as his partner, Rick Brown, looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DOUGLAS H. DREYER

Douglas Dreyer Elected As New President Of Home Builders Asso.

Douglas H. Dreyer, owner of Dreyer Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Agawam, has been elected president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield for the organization's new fiscal year which began July 1st.

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heating services.

Mr. Dreyer has been an active member of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield for 14 years and has filled many leadership roles. ship roles.

He served as chairman of Home Show '94—the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show which was held in March. In addition, Mr. Dreyer was chairman of the association's 1990 Christmas Dinner-Dance and its 1989 Clambake. He also serves as a director on the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

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Mr. Dreyer is a graduate of American University where he received a B.S. in urban development. He resides in Feeding Hills with his wife, Donna, their 16 year-old daughter, Emily, and six year-old

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Sophisticated Model Management Professional School Melissa Tessier, Owner

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For Your Health

The Importance Of Early Identification Of Hearing Loss

Normal hearing during the first two years of life is essential for healthy development of a child's speech and language skills, social ability, and learning capacity. Research has shown that even mild hearing loss in the early years can have substantial effects on these developing abilities.

But often, early hearing deficiencies go undetected. According to the National Institutes of Health, "The most important period for language and speech development is generally regarded as the first three years of life and, although there are several methods of identifying hearing impairment during the first year, the average age of identification in the United States remains close to three years." Experts agree that early identification of hearing loss is critical to minimize its effects.

Technology is available to assess the hearing of infants, even those born prematurely. Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) Audiometry uses computer averaging of brainwave activity to determine if a sound is heard by the auditory nerve, and provides an objective means of obtaining hearing information on each

Another method of determining hearing acuity and auditory developmental skills in infants is called Behavioral Observation Audiometry. With this method, sounds are presented through speakers or earphones, while the child's behavioral responses to various high- and lowpitched sounds are observed and measured.

When sound is present, the typical response of a six- to eight-month-old infant is to look toward the sound source; a younger infant may demonstrate distraction behavior, eye widening, or cessation of activity. When the child is a little older, Play Audiometry is initiated; with this method, the child places a puzzle piece, or throws a block in a bucket whenever a sound is heard. The child enjoys the game, while his or her hearing threshold is easily obtained.

Over the past 10 years, hearing health professionals have recognized the importance of early identification of hearing loss. Many states, including Massachusetts, have developed Infant Hearing Impairment Identification Programs.

In Massachusetts, the Department of Public Health (MDPH) sponsors the Hearing Evaluation Program for Infants and Toddlers. This program has established seven factors that place a child "at risk" for possible hearing loss. These factors are presently being updated to reflect the National Institutes of Health's recommendations of March 1993.

The seven risk factors for possible hearing loss as they currently stand-include:

1. Family history of hearing loss which began in childhood;

2. Infection of infant or mother at birth;

Birth weight less than four pounds; 4. Bacterial meningitis;

5. Exchange blood transfusion for severe jaun-

6. Unusual formation of the eye, ear, head, or

neck;
7. Severe lack of oxygen at birth which may include infants with APGAR scores of 0-3.

Hospitals in Massachusetts are required to inform parents of newborns about the risk factors for hearing loss. If an infant meets just one of

them, the parent contacts the MDPH program and is directed to the audiological hearing test center nearest to them. There are currently 28 approved test centers across the state.

Families of "at risk" children should discuss the risk factor(s) with their primary care provider. The MDPH program will provide hearing tests for children up to age three, either by supplementing private insurance, if necessary, or by having the test center bill MDPH directly if the family is not insured or the insurance doesn't cover hearing evaluations.

However, it is important to know that many children who experience hearing loss do not fall into any of these "at risk" categories and are not identified at an early age. As many as 70 percent of infants and children with hearing impairment are presently identified because of parental con-cern about their child's hearing. Proposed risk categories under review include parental or caregiver concern.

Early detection and identification is also important for infants and toddlers who have a history of recurrent ear infections. Middle ear dysfunction is most prevalent during the first two years of life, when children are ac-

quiring language. Although not all children who have recurrent middle ear problems evidence or hearing loss, caregivers and parents may be the first to notice that the child is

not responding to sound appropriately. Signs which might suggest that a hearing loss is present include:

Decreased responsiveness to sounds or

Extra attention given to a speaker's face, in

order to better understand what is said; Visual cues such as gestures needed to increase understanding;

Speech and/or language not developing in accordance with normal milestones.

In addition, parents should also be alert to signs of possible hearing loss if their child does not do the following in response to sound: 0 to 4 months:

startles to loud sound

- arouses from sleep with loud sound

- is soothed by mother's voice

makes babbling sounds

* 4 to 7 months:

 turns eyes to search location of sound
 if feeding, momentarily stops sucking to listen * 7 to 10 months:

responds to name

consistently turns head to source of sound

10 to 13 months:

 turns to find a sound from behind - makes a large variety of different sounds

- begin to imitate some sounds

13 to 18 months:

hears when called from another room

- makes noises in response to being called - has a few single words

If your child meets the "at risk" criteria for hearing loss, or does not achieve the above developmental milestones, consult your physician to discuss your concerns and to obtain further information on your child's hearing and speech and language development.

In Massachusetts, the phone number for the MDPH Hearing Evaluation Program is 1-800-882-1435; the TDD number is 617-727-7218.

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Food Thought

by Nancy Dell Registered Dietician

Why Can't I Lose Weight?

Many people say they diet, diet, diet and still can't fit into the "thinnest" clothes that hang in their closet. If you were a size 10 woman at one time (or a 34-inch waist man), you should be able to get down to that size again, right? Maybe not!

Here's why. When most people gain weight, their body forms new fat cells to store the fat. So, for example, if you had 30 billion fat cells when you weighed 150, you may have 35 billion fat cells at 180 pounds.

Ag. Council On Aging Has Information On **Health Insurance**

What is Medigap insurance? (such as Medex, AARP, HOMO, or group insurance). Do I need it? Why? Which plan is best for me?

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What if my doctor does not accept assignment from Medicare? Does it make a difference? Do I qualify for Medicaid or SSI? How do I apply

for assistance if my income is low and my medical bills overwhelming?

Is there a program that can help me with these

questions? Is this program a free service?
Yes - the SHINE program is a free service to the elderly that will assist you with these questions. SHINE knows that understanding health care options for the elderly can be difficult and confus-

Your SHINE counselor has access to accurate up-to-date information concerning your health insurance and health benefit options

You can reach SHINE for information or an appointment by calling the Agawam Council on Aging, 786-0400, ext. 242.

Laugh More - Live! Seminar On July 19th

The seminar "Laugh More, Live Longer" will be presented on Tuesday, July 19th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield.

The seminar will give you ideas and strategies on how to use humor effectively to deal with stress and tension at work and at home, as well as how to greatly enhance your attitude about life.

The program is presented by Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute For Stress and Life Management of West Springfield.

Cost is \$18 per person. For every three that attend, a fourth attends at no charge. Call 785-1259 for more information.

Hearing Checks At Mercy Hospital

Free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks provided by Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will be conducted at the Agam Senior Center on July 29th, beginning at

9:00 a.m. In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For an appointment, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400.

When you lose weight, fat cells shrink to a minimum size. But because you have added on five billion more fat cells, it is difficult to shrink down to your original size.

What's a dieter to do? First, aim for weight maintenance during vacations, stressful periods, and other times that may usually lead to overeating. Often, people think if they gain a few pounds over the holidays or on vacation, they will just take it off later. That's not easy if you've formed new fat cells.

Second, learn to manage stress. Under stress, we often gain weight because stress releases a hormone that promotes the formation of new fat

Third, if you take medication, ask you're doctor or pharmacist if the medication has weight gain as a side effect. Some anti-depressants, allergy medications, and arthritis formulas do.

Finally, when you are ready to lose weight, don't crash diet. Some diets will actually stimulate fat storage in the long run. Successful dieters design a program that's easy for them to follow and avoids the formation of new fat cells for the rest of their lives.

Nancy Dell, MS, RD works with individuals to design eating plans that fit various lifestyles. For more information, call 413-786-2957.

Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium A located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 212.

Public Education On CPR At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) on Wednesday, July 20th and 27th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Center, 2 Mill Street, Westfield.

Participants must attend both classes. The pro-

For further information or to register, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 529.

La Leche League Has **Assistance For Moms** Who Are Breastfeeding

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding.

Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The first of a series of four meetings will be held on Monday, July 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield. "Breastfeeding: A Difference That

Really Counts!" will be the topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding."

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience.
Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Teresa at 734-5922

or Jeanne at 739-7923.

Breastfeeding Program At Baystate Medical On Tues., August 2nd

Baystate Medical Center will present a free seminar on "Breastfeeding Women & Work" on Tuesday, August 2nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Wesson Women & Infants Board Room.

The evening seminar will be conducted by Dr. Jean Sheeley, a member of Baystate Medical Center's Pediatrics staff. Dr. Sheeley, a working mother, will explain how working women manage breastfeeding their babies while maintaining a full-time job.

To register for the seminar, call The Professionals at 784-2255 or 1-800-377-HEALTH. From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be an exhibit of the latest breast pumps, free women's health tests, and brochures on breastfeeding. Dr. Sheeley's presentation will follow at 6:00 p.m.

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STAGE Gearing Up For Production Of Cinderella

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Local playwright and STAGE producer Margie Secora has taken stories from Egyptian, Russian, French, Korean, and Native American folklore and woven them into a script which highlights the uncanny similarities and interesting differences in the variations of this beloved fairytale.

The play is one of three original scripts written specifically for STAGE's summer season of young people's theatre. The plays are presented by children ages seven through 15 who participate in all aspects of the production as well as rehearsing their roles.

There are 130 children registered this summer of which 43 will be performing in *Cinderella*. They hail from Southwick, Suffield, Agawam, Westfield, Enfield, Springfield, and as far away as North Windham, Connecticut and Warren, Massachusetts.

Over half of the young would-be thespians are veterans of past STAGE performances and some have been participating since it first began six

Two of STAGE's former students, Scott Belisle of Agawam and Marcy Secora of Southwick, serve as camp counselors and assist directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora in the daily acting activities as well as with such production duties as publicity, set building, and costume construction.

The two high school students will also act as stage managers when the play is presented to the public July 15th at 7:30 p.m., July 16th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and July 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are only \$4 and seats must be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026.

All rehearsals and performances take place at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, high on the hill next to the Valley Community Church.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Breeann Hayward, Melissa Chiarella, and Sara Dorans (front) of Agawam, along with Christina Normand, Marcie Coogan, Jodie Pfau, and Darla Haffke of Feeding Hills, create publicity posters for this weekend's STAGE production of *Cinderella* at The Red Door Theatre. For tickets reservations, and dates/times for the performances, call (413) 789-2026.

Families are encouraged to attend this outstanding children's theatre offering and find out for themselves why it continues to draw hundreds of children from all over not only to participate in the camps, but to enjoy as an audience member the creative actions of their peers.

For more information on Student Theatre Arts Group Enterprises, call (413) 789-2026.

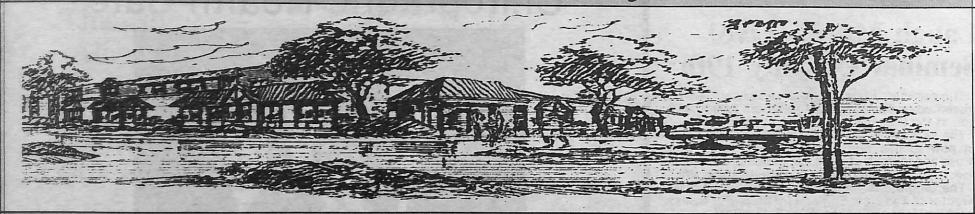
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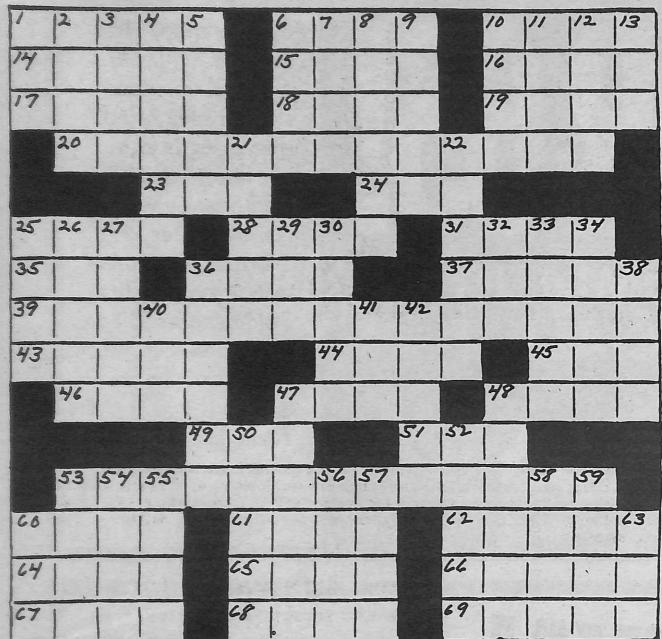


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Trinity Church To Host Gardening Workshop At Stanley Park **Guest Carillonneur**

Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue in Springfield, is pleased to host guest carillonneur Hans U. Hielscher as part of its "1994 Carillon Food 'n Fun Festival" on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hielscher comes to the United States from Germany, where he seres as the Organist and Carillonneur of the Wiesbaden Marktkirche and also the Municipal Organist for the Kurhaus Con-

cert Hall in Wiesbaden.

He has concertized extensively in Europe, England, Israel, and the United States both as an organist and carillonneur. He is also a recording artist and the author of several books and articles on church music.

For his appearance at Trinity United Methodist Church, Mr. Hielscher will be assisted on music for two carillonneurs by Thomas J. Frank.

The featured food theme for the evening is "The Great Cake Bake." The concert is free, although donations will be accepted for all food items. You are also invited to bring a picnic supper to enjoy on the church lawn. The concert will be presented

For further information, contact Becky Isaacson, Trinity United Methodist Church, at 733-4759 or 737-5311.

PHONE: 413-786-2957

Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series will feature special guest speaker, Cyrus Hyde, herb

specialist, on Saturday, July 23rd, in the sheltered pavilion from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hyde will present "Rare and Unusual Herbs," a slide presentation through Well-Sweep Herb Farm, Port Murray, New Jersey, of which Hyde is founder and owner.

Along the way, Hyde will focus on both common and rare herbs and their various uses. Included in the program will be a guided walking tour of Stanley Park's herb garden. This program is free

Hyde started with his own small herb garden planted for his wife. From that garden, he started to sell dried herbs to people with colonial kitchens. Before he knew it, his hobby grew into a business, Well-Sweep Farm. His collection of herbs is the largest in the country and people come from all over the world to see it.

Hyde's garden has been featured in the book Herbs: How to Select, Grow, and Enjoy. Hyde received the Nancy Putnam Howard Award and is a member of the Herb Society of America.

For further information on Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series, call the Park office at 413-568-9312.

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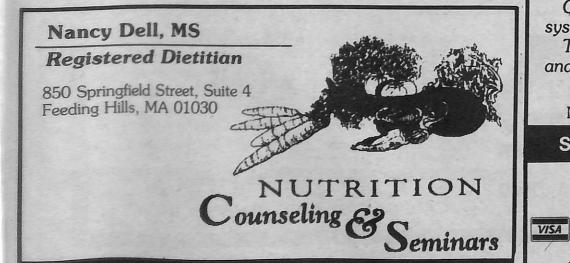
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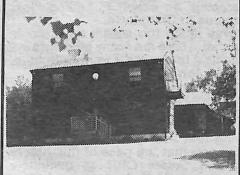
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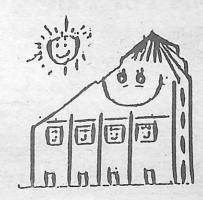
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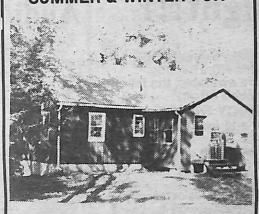
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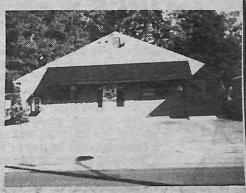
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ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Murphy's Mirth (Part 2)

Here are some more video suggestions starring the one and only Eddie Murphy.

* Coming To America

Director: John Landis. 1988. Rated R. 1 hour and 56 minutes. Starring: Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones, John Amos, Madge Sinclair, Shari Headley, Don Ameche, and Louie Anderson.

Eddie Murphy stars as a prince who travels to America to find a bride and winds up working in a McDonald's imitation restaurant and living in a run-down, filthy apartment in Queens, New York.

Arsenio Hall also stars as the prince's servant. Semi. Hillarious moments abound using cultural relativism as the foundation of many of the film's jokes. Look for the scene where Don Ameche cameos as a character he played in Trading Places five years before.

The film is sure to appeal to a wide variety of people because it doesn't contain an overly excessive amount of vulgarities that are usually

associated with Murphy. Consequently, most of the film's humor is nothing worse than good, clean fun.

Watch for the scene in the barber shop where Eddie Murphy and Arsenio Hall (thanks to Hollywood makeup) play every character in the shop. You will be stunned.

An underlying love story makes the film work by providing further appeal. Much of the film encompasses the prince's efforts to win the affections of the "McDowell's" restaurant manager's

You will laugh at the zany exploits of a foreigner's first trip to America. Even funnier is that of all the places for him to have ended up, he winds up in a town like Queens, New York.

My hope is that Coming To America will be coming to your living room this weekend! 3 STARS. (17 years and up.)

* Trading Places

Director: John Landis. 1983. Rated R. 1 hour and 58 minutes. Starring: Eddie Murphy, Dan Ackroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis, Ralph Bellamy, Don Ameche, Denholm Elliott, Paul Gleason, and James Belushi.

This is Eddie Murphy's second feature film appearance. A couple of elderly men wager that environment is more significant than heredity in creating life. Using Ackroyd and Murphy as guinea pigs, the laughs come as these men perform their experiment.

This is not the juiciest cut of meat from Eddie's sirloin, but it is still quite entertaining to watch. Trading Places has its moments, but unfortunately they are far and few between.

The film's primary reason for success is the

strong cast. The performances carry the audience through what seems to be a very mediocre tale.

Some of you may love it while others will think it's okay. But, rest assured, one thing you won't be doing with Trading Places is wish you could bring it back to the video store and "trade movies"! 21/2 STARS. (17 years and up.)

* The Golden Child

Director: Michael Ritchie. 1986. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 34 minutes. Starring: Eddie Murphy, Charlotte Lewis, Charles Dance, Victor Wong, Randall "Tex" Cobb, and James Hong.
Eddie Murphy stars in this tale about a child

with magical powers who is kidnapped and taken to Los Angeles. The ensuing search by Chandler (Murphy's character), an expert in finding "lost children," brings us to Chinatown.

The film moves much too slowly for a movie with such potential. There are funny moments (as with most comedies) that make it worth watching, but again, they are few and far between.

Eddie Murphy's performance is quite impressive in this film, however. It could be considered one of his best, second only to his portrayal of Axel Foley in the Beverly Hills Cop trilogy.
I'm not saying that you won't be entertained;

I'm just warning you that the pace of this film is slow, making this Golden Child as genuinely priceless as its name, with the exception of a few tarnishing points. 11/2 STARS. (14 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for maying related to sign that you'd like to see

for movie-related topics that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

Cooking Corner...

Sauces Are A Griller's Delight!!!

A romantic dinner for two with an elegant marinated swordfish and an after-the-game team supper with barbecued ribs piled high on a platter. What do they have in common? Each can be prepared effortlessly on a grill.

Grilling is a fun and sophisticated way to entertain. Perhaps best of all, grilling allows most of the preparation to be done in advance, thus leav-

ing plenty of time to spend with your guests.

Homemade sauces and glazes made from spreadable fruits can make grilled foods more appetizing. Spreadable fruits sweetened with fruit juice concentrates transform an ordinary dish into a finger-licking feast by adding a fruity flavor and sweetness to sauces and glazes.

The Polaner Test Kitchen has created these quick and easy recipes from ordinary ingredients that you're likely to already have on hand and are

perfect for last-minute get-togethers. Bottled barbecue sauce is perfect in a pinch but even better with a fruity twist. Combine equal amounts of barbecue sauce with your favorite Polaner® All Fruit® Spreadable Fruit. Brush onto ribs during the last five minutes of grilling.

 Strawberry Mustard Glaze is a golden, tangy addition to grilled chicken. Combine ½ cup Strawberry Polaner All Fruit, 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard, and ½ teaspoon garlic powder. Bruch onto chicken during the last five minutes of grilling or use as a sauce for dipping.

• Peachy Orange Glaze is a fruit lover's delight. Combine ½ cup Peach Polaner All Fruit, 2 tablespoons orange juice, and 1/4 teaspoon curry for a light and fruity flavor. Brush onto chicken or pork chops during the last five minutes of grilling or

use as a sauce for dipping.

• Don't forget dessert. Create a sensational chilled fruit fondue. Place 40 ounces low-fat vanilla yogurt in a cheesecloth-lined strainer. Cover and refrigerate. Allow to drain for two hours. Gently fold in ¾ cup Strawberry Polaner All Fruit. Chill until ready to serve. Spoon sauce into hallowed out orange halves for an extra special treat. Serve with cut-up fruit.

A warm fruit topping for ice cream is a delicious ending to a perfect dinner. Simply place 1 cup of your favorite Polaner All Fruit in a

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microwave-safe container. Microwave on HIGH 30 seconds or until warm. Stir before serving.

When time is a little more available, the following recipes are worth the extra effort:

SWEET AND SPICY SAUCE

The subtle sweetness and mild heat is excellent for chicken and ribs.

2 tablespoons butter or margarine 1 medium onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce

²/₃ cup cider vinegar 2/3 cup Apricot Polaner® All Fruit® Spreadable Fruit

2 tablespoons chili powder I tablespoon spicy brown mustard

½ teaspoon black pepper
In a large skillet, saute onion and garlic in melted butter until tender, about five minutes.
Add remaining ingredients, heat to a boil.

Reduce heat, cover, and simmer 20 minutes until thickened, stirring occasionally. Brush onto ribs or chicken during last 5 minutes of grilling. Makes about 3 cups (enough for six pounds meat).

PEACHY GINGER SAUCE

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Suffield Players Plan **Auditions For Fall**

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The cast calls for two women and three men, doing both British and American accents. Rehearsal dates will run August 28th to October 26th, with show dates October 27th, 28th, 29th, November 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th.

Scripts are available at Kent Library in Suffield. Call (413) 592-3755 for more information.

Westfield Area Day Camp At Westfield Fairgrounds

All girls entering grades one through six this fall in the Westfield and Hilltown area are invited to attend the Westfield Area Day Camp at the Westfield fairgrounds.

The camp will be directed by Margaret Lambert. Campers will play new games, do crafts, sing, hike, learn about nature, and enjoy Hampton

The camp is operated by the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council, buy you do not have to currently be a Girl Scout to attend. All girls

The camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and bus transportation is provided from area towns.

Session B runs from July 18th-22nd; Session C from July 25th-29th.

The fee is \$85 per session. For more information and/or a brochure, call or write Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council, 241 Hayden-ville Road, Leeds, MA 01053, 584-2602 or 1-800-9100.

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As part of their summer concert series, the Agawam Cultural Council will present storyteller Davis Bates and singer Roger Tincknell in a program of stories and songs to celebrate the season. Entitled "Stories and Songs of New England Families," the program will involve the audience, through song and story, in a wide variety of cultural traditions.

It will include Glooskabi stories from the Native American traditions of Western Massachusetts; New England Oral History narratives; and family stories, songs, and sing-a-longs from both native and immigrant traditions and cultures.

Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell have over 31/2 decades of combined experience performing for families in community settings throughout the Northeast. Davis and Roger are known both for their strong vocal harmonies and for their warm and participatory performing style. Their concerts engage audiences in an educational and enjoyable folk arts experience.

Pete Seeger has called Davis "thoughtful, creative, human, and a fantastic storyteller." His traditional style of telling is a refreshing change from videos and passive televised entertainment, empowering and encouraging audiences of all ages to join in the fun and to take the stories home with them to share with others.

Roger Tincknell is an accomplished musician, singer, and songwriter, whose concerts include a wide variety of guitar styles, as well as banjo, mandolin, bazouki, harmonica, and piano playing. His repertoire ranges from sensitive love song ballads to fiddle tunes, country and swing songs, blues, and show-stopping yodeling.

"Stories and Songs of New England Families" is appropriate to ages six to 60. So, come one and all to the Veteran's Memorial Green at the Phelps Elementary School, 689 Main Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, July 20th. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m., rain or shine. If poor weather surprises us, we will move into the school auditorium.

The Rotary Club is sponsoring a snack and soft drink stand.

All performances in this summer concert series are free and open to the public. The series is funded by the Agawam Cultural Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



STORYTELLER DAVIS BATES will be performing in town, sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.



SINGER ROGER TINCKNELL will be performing in town, sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

Agawam Library Has Collection Stories & Songs About Of Summer Travel

Summertime means vacation time. But, before you head out to your destination, check out the Agawam Public Library's collection of travel

Travel guides can help you plan your itinerary, spend your travel dollar more wisely, and make certain you don't miss any lesser-known attractions.

Recent additions to the library's collection include the following:

- "Bed and Breakfast U.S.A." by Betty Rund-back and Peggy Ackerman (647.9476); - "English Country Bed and Breakfast" by Karen

Brown (647.9442);
- "Camp The U.S. For \$5.00 or Less - Western States" by Mary Helen and Shuford Smith

- "Budget Dining and Lodging In New England" by Fran and Frank Sullivan (647.9475);

"Fodor's Cottages B&B's and County Inns of England and Wales" by Elizabeth Gundry (914.2);
- "National Park Guide" by Michael Frome

"Fodor's Vacations on the Jersey Shore" (917.4985);

- "Insight Guide to New York State" (917.47); and..

- "Florida Weekends: 52 Great Getaways" by Robert Tolf and Russel Buchan (917.5904).

In addition, the Agawam Public Library owns many of the famous "Fodor's" travel guides for various foreign and domestic destinations, as well as new editions of the complete "Mobil Travel Guide" and "A.A.A. TourBook" guides covering travel within the United States.

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Teacher Making A Difference...

Educator Linda Morassi Expanding Integrated Kindergarten To Other Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Last September, Early Childhood teacher Linda Morassi moved up to kindergarten with her students to create a pilot program at James Clark School. The program enabled children with severe special needs to attend elementary school with regular education peer partners in an integrated classroom for the first time in Agawam.

Currently serving five peer partners and six special needs children with a variety of multisensory challenges, the program will expand in the fall to include an integrated first grade class and two integrated kindergartens.

The integrated first grade will be located at Clark School, and the integrated kindergartens will be at Granger and Phelps Schools.

All of the peer partners have chosen to remain in the integrated program for the first grade, Mrs. Morassi said.

"The children have bonded beautifully," Mrs. Morassi said. "You always hope that's going to happen ... something wonderful is happening in

For Mrs. Morassi, one of the most satisfying aspects of working with both special needs and regular ed students has been "seeing the growth of the personhood of the peer partners. They are gaining a sense of self that's different and a depth

of character and caring," she told us.

Deeply committed to educating children to their similarities rather than their differences, Mrs. Morassi cited the importance close friendships with special needs children had on her own children's growth and development.

"These very wonderful relationships had an impact on who they were and are," Mrs. Morassi stated.

Peer Partners Get Added Attention While all the children benefit from the special education teaching style that focuses on the in-

dividual needs of each child, the peer partners are getting the added attention made possible by the smaller size of the class and by the teaching

assistants assigned to the class, she said.
"The peer partners have more access to com-

puter time and more hands-on experience than in a regular kindergarten," Mrs. Morassi said.

Mrs. Morassi will be taking her kindergarten program to Granger School, and Doris Early will be teaching in an integrated kindergarten at Phelps School. Children from the Robinson Park School district will be served by the program at Phelps, and children from Clark will attend the Granger School program.

Next year, all the students in the integrated kindergartens will attend a day-long session at school. This year, only the special needs children remained at school in the afternoon for individualized work on self-help, language, and motor skills. Mrs. Morassi said the morning portion of the program will focus on the academic aspects of kindergarten, and the afternoon will

serve as an activity time for the students.

This year, the special needs children enjoyed an hour of pool time each Friday afternoon at the Junior High School. As a certified instructor of adaptive physical education, Mrs. Morassi was able to offer her special needs students an hour of pool time each week. Attorney Richard Morassi joined his wife and her students for the eagerly awaited sessions.

"It's been a great experience," Mrs. Morassi said. "They are able to do things in the pool they can't do any place else. The self-esteem and sense of accomplishment carry over into the classroom.

Mrs. Morassi Nominated For Prestigious Award In recognition of her work with special needs children, Mrs. Morassi was nominated for the

"Sokolove Personal Best Award" which is given each year by Boston area attorney James Sokolove. The award honors a teacher whose commitment to special needs children has made an important difference in their lives.

Granger School kindergarten teacher Leeann McKeever submitted the nomination "on behalf of my son and the other special children whose lives she has touched.

Mrs. McKeever cited the dramatic change in the lives of her son, Brendan, and the other special needs children in Mrs. Morassi's class since she became their teacher three years ago.

"I strongly believe that these special children would not have made the progress which they have if it were not for Linda (Morassi)," Mrs. McKeever noted, adding, "She not only provides support and encouragement to the individual child, but also to the whole family."

Emphasizing the tremendous impact a teacher has on the lives of students (particularly those with severe physical challenges), Mrs. McKeever stated, "Many of the children cannot get out into the world around them. Through her love, patience, kindness, understanding, and knowledge, she (Mrs. Morassi) brings the world to them each

Unaware that she had been nominated for the award by her colleague until after the paperwork had been submitted, Mrs. Morassi said, "I was very touched and very surprised. I had no idea she had done that.

Both the integrated first grade and the kindergartens are expected to have enrollments of approximately 16 students, half with special needs and half peer partners. Children from the integrated kindergarten will attend first grade together in the same classroom at Clark.

William Rivers Named To Honor Roll At Suffield Academy

William Rivers of Feeding Hills was among those students who were recently named to the 1994 end-of-year honor roll at Suffield Academy in

Rivers is member of the class of 1996 at Suffield Academy.

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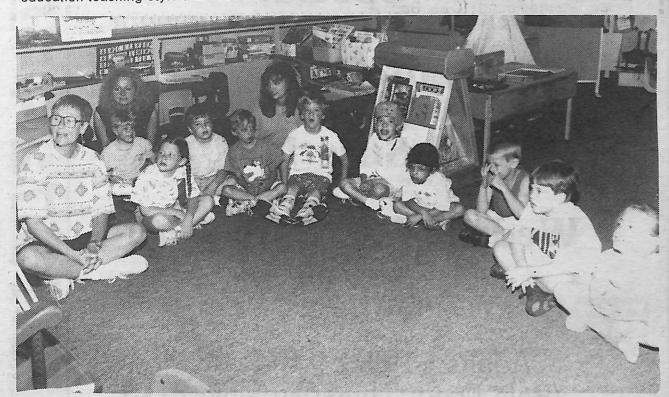
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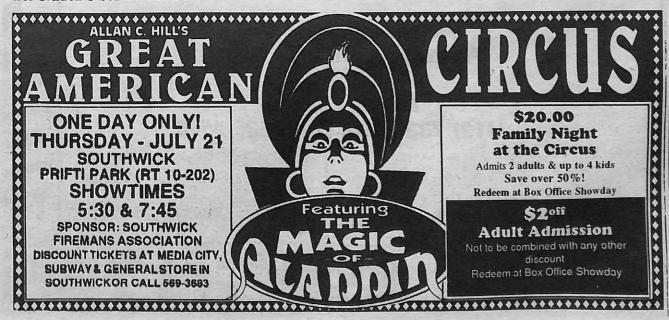
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INTEGRATED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Linda Morassi (left) discusses a lesson with her students before the end of school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Boy Scout Troop 78 Finishes Another Year At Spfld. Turnverein

June was a very busy month for the Scouts of Troop 78. Many of the Scouts finished requirements for merit badges and rank ad-

Several of the scouts helped at the Cub Scouts' Annual Weblos Woods. The rest of the troop were working at a car window etching with Swis Auto Glass that raised money for the troop and also for the Agawam DARE Program. Thank you to all who participated.

The last Court of Honor for the season was held June 21st with the boys preparing a "Taste of 78" for their parents and families. Each patrol cooked a different dish in their box ovens or on an open fire. There were two types of pizzas, Sloppy Joe's, stir-fry with vegetables and beef, spaghetti pie, and an Oriental meal.

After the presentation to Officer Gallerani of the DARE Program with the money from the window etching, the scouts' families tried the different dishes the Boy Scouts had prepared.

Congratulations to the following troop members on receiving the following merit badges:

Computer Merit Badge - Joe Andreoli and Brian Landry.

First Aid Merit Badge - Brian Landry, Joe Leparoti, Scott Harris, Brad Harris, James Borowiec, Arthur Von Marshall, and John Bitgood.

Borowiec, Arthur von Marshall, and John Bitgood.
Communications Merit Badge - Josh O'Neill,
Mike Hogan, Jeremy Miner, Matt Twining, Jason
MacKay, and Joshua Miner.
Art Merit Badge - Eric Hogan, Mark Urrea, Joe
Wisniewski, Chris Bergeron, Brian Laborde,
Stephen Pilegi, Justin Kratovil, Chris Fennyery,
Bob Hamel, Brad Harris, Ira Cohen, Joe Leporati,
and Scott Harris. and Scott Harris.

Canoeing - Joshua Kaeble.

The following boys advanced in rank to Boy Scout: Brandon Broga, Isidro Anguinaga, Tim Dunn, Billy Kraus, Andy Siana, Evan Conkey, Mike Kirk, Mark Urrea, Mike Grudecki, and Greg Mantolesky.

The next step up in rank, Tenderfoot, was achieved by Jason MacKay, Mark Urrea, Dan Boissonneault, Eric Hogan, Josh O'Neil, Joe Wisniewski, Billy Bond, Pat Kelly, Jim Borowiec, Mike Gruecki, Billy Kraus, Mike Kirk, Chris Bergeron, Steve Pilegi, Isiro Anguinaga, Greg Mantolesky, Tim Dunn, Mike Szoka, and Bruce

The next rank attained is Second Class, achieved by John Bitgood and Brian Laborde.

Finally, Star Rank (which requires a Scout to pass a board of review by leaders from the council outside his own trip) was attained by Justin

All the aforementioned Boy Scouts deserve credit for mastering the skills necessary to rise in

Daisy Scouts "Bridging" To Brownies

Daisy Troops 586 and 587 have successfully completed their first year of Girl Scouting. They have learned and experienced many new things, as well as made new friends (young and old). All in all, it was a busy year!

On June 20th, the two Troops teamed up for their Bridging to Brownies Ceremony. The Daisies spent much time eagerly planning and provides ime eagerly planning and practicing in preparation for the 50-plus parents, grandparents, and siblings that attended. The celebration and buffet dinner that followed was enjoyed by one and all.

Most of the girls are looking forward to being together next year as Brownie Scouts. As they head into the new year as Brownies, they'll confront new challenges with exciting and interesting things to learn about the world of Girl Scouting.

* Daisy Troop 586: Anna Aversa, Michelle Epaul, Egypt Fogg, Chelsea Goodhue, Alicia Holl, Justine Herring, Jessica Shukes. (Troop 586 Leader: Diane Epaul; Assistant Leader: Gina Misischia.)

* Daisy Troop 587: Jamie Chavez, Jacalyn DuVarney, Marie Iacolino, Sarah Israelson, Elisabeth Klimezak, Rebecca Largay, Heather Moffat, Caitlin Ranstrom, Kala Reid, Shelley Schivley, Denise Sekula, Kailin Szymanski, Lindsay Tosoni, Jackie Van Etten, Julie Beth Warchol, Katelyn Yelinek. (Troop 587 Leader: Debbie Frazzetta; Co-Leaders: Gina Chavez, Cheryllacolino) lacolino.)

(SEE RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 36)

Daniel Trolio Attains Dean's List At Bentley

Bentley College undergraduate Dean H. Lee Schlorff has announced the names of students named to the Dean's List for outstanding

academic achievement in the spring semester.

Among the students who achieved this distinction was Daniel R. Trolio of Agawam. A junior at the college, he is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in accountancy.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must have a grade point success at 2.2 and the college.

dent must have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher, with no course grade below 2.0 during the

Bentley College, located in Waltham, Massachusetts, is New England's largest institution of higher learning specializing in professional business education.

Carolyn Jochim Earns Master's Degree From **Westfield State College**

On May 23rd, 1994, Carolyn Jochim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Jochim of Feeding Hills, received her master's degree in special education

from Westfield State College.
Carolyn received her bachelor's degree from North Adams State College in 1991. While pursuing her master's, she was employed at the East Mountain School in Springfield, was a coach for the Special Olympics, and taught for the Goodwill Saturday program for children with special needs. Upon graduation, Carolyn was employed by the

city of Springfield as a substitute teacher.
Carolyn is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High

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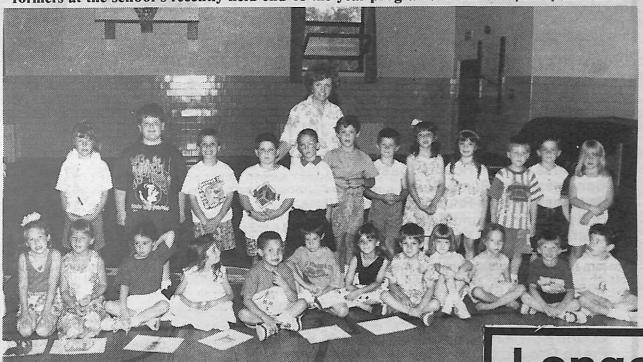
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STUDENTS IN PAT KALLFA'S kindergarten class at Granger School were among the performers at the school's recently held end-of-the-year program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Deinve.



GRANGER KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Jackie Hayes (back row, center) poses with her young students during the end-of-the-year program, an annual event which enables family members to enjoy the performing abilities of the children. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





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Family & Friends Attend Granger's Kindergarten Program

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

They came prepared with film, flash, and video to capture those precious moments to savor through the years.

A standing room only crowd of parents, younger brothers and sisters, and grandparents recently gathered in the gym at Granger School to enjoy the end-of-the-year program staged each June by the kindergarten students of Pat Kallfa, Jackie Hayes, and Leann McKeever.

Two performances were given, one starring the morning students and one featuring the students who attend afternoon kindergarten classes.

Through songs, poems, and dances, the children had the chance to show off some of what they've learned during their first year at Granger before receiving a ribbon-tied diploma from their teachers.

After the diplomas were handed out, Mrs. Hayes told the students, "Your diploma doesn't mean the end of school. It means next year you'll have the privilege of coming to school all day long!"

The children demonstrated their knowledge of the alphabet, colors, shapes, and the difference between right and left through songs, poems, and solo recitations to the delight of their families.

While each presentation met with unqualified approval from the audience, the "Hawaiian Rainbow," dedicated to the dads in honor of Father's Day, and the children's first attempt at square dancing, were the hits of the show.

dancing, were the hits of the show.
Forming two circles, the children performed to
Turkey in the Straw as they stepped from side to
side and do-si-doed in unison.

"There are still treasures to be found in this world," Mrs. Hayes told the parents. "Your children are treasures and we thank you for sharing them with us this year."

At the conclusion of the program, students Kelly Glista, Monica Lefebvre, and Lindsie Lavin presented their teachers as well as teaching assistant Patricia Lambert with bouquets of flowers.

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Hampden County 4-H/ Youth Fair Coming To Big E On July 30th

The Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair Association announces that its 42nd annual fair will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at the Eastern States Exposition grounds agricultural complex in West Springfield. The event is open to all youth in Hampden County between the ages of five and 19 years of age; the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

There will be many special events during the day. Popular events such as the Tractor Pull and Fun Run will return. The first 50 entrants in the

Fun Run will receive a T-shirt.

An array of livestock will be shown off during the day. Prized dairy and beef cattle, rabbits, chickens, goats, and sheep can be seen. There will be a Llama Costume Class and a Horse Show Drill Team. Horses will walk, trot, and jump their way around the arena located by the Avenue of States. At 12:00 noon, there will be a Rocket

Hall Exhibits will show off the best handiwork of Hampden County youth. You can see decorated cakes, needlecraft, artwork, basketry, computers, and flowers and vegetables. The "Best of the

Best" will be on display.

In the afternoon, the Fashion Revue and Wool Lead Line will showcase the expert sewing of some of our youth. The day will conclude with the Awards Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. With the help of many generous donations, over 100 trophies will be awarded.

Come spend an hour or the whole day. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking on

the grounds.

The following is the Fair Day Schedule: 8:00 a.m.: Horse Show begins in Outside Arena. 9:00 a.m.: Hall Exhibits open to the public.; Fun

9:30 a.m.: Rabbit Show. 10:00 a.m.: Livestock Shows; Bicycle Rodeo.

11:00 a.m.: Tractor Pull Contest.

12:00 noon: Rocket Launch; Horse Show Drill Team; Llama Show. 3:00 p.m.: Fashion Revue.

3:30 p.m.: "Make it with Wool" Lead Line; Llama Costume Class.

4:00 p.m.: Awards Ceremony.

5:00 p.m.: Hall closes.

For more information, please contact Mary Phelon, 4-H Youth Development, (413) 584-2556, or Maryellen Sullivan, 4-H Fair Publicity, (413) 786-2623.

For the best in local news, you read Kathy Cassanelli's stories each week

Happy Birthday, Beth...

Even though you're now eighteen, You're still the youngest on the scene!!!



Love, Mom, Dad, Mark, & Anne

1994 Recipients Of Skolnick Scholarship



THE ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL PTO presented this year's "Barbara Skolnick Scholarship" to 1994 Agawam High School graduates Laura Asta-Ferrero and Todd Zern. Pictured above are Mrs. Cathy Gomes of the Robinson Park PTO; Laura Asta-Ferrero; Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, retired principal of Robinson Park School; and Todd Zern. Advertiser News photo by Jack

Fitness First Offers Educational And Fun Programs For Kids This Summer

In addition to the annual kamp activities that Fitness First in Feeding Hills offers children (ages three to 12), this summer the club will be providing

educational programming as well!!

Each four-day kamp week, Fitness First will offer a ½-hour of special activities.

The first week (July 13th, 10:30 a.m.), the Agawam firefighters will be visiting the club to exhibit the first week amble special activities. hibit the firetruck, ambulance, and firefighting equipment. This will be their third annual visit to Fitness First.

Each year, the children see how the firefighters use the ladder, hose, bell, etc. They even get to try them themselves! It's always a wonderful, educa-

tional time for kids and parents alike.

The second week (July 20th, 10:30 a.m.), the children will be visited by Sgt. Gallerani from the Police Department. He will be coming in to talk to the kids about the DARE program. The children will be divided into two groups with the younger will be divided into two groups with the younger

kids hearing about safety issues (i.e., don't drink bleach), and the older children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The third week (July 27th, 10:30 a.m.), AQUA DREAMS will be visiting the children in two groups. Children will be able to see various forms of sea and fresh water creatures as well as have a "hands-on demonstration." A discussion about how fish and sea creatures live and what they eat will be held with all the children. This is Aqua Dream's second annual visit to the kamps.

The fourth week (August 3rd, 10:30 a.m.), the MSPCA will be visiting Fitness First with animals and video on non-abusive pet care. The children will be able to hold the animals and learn how to

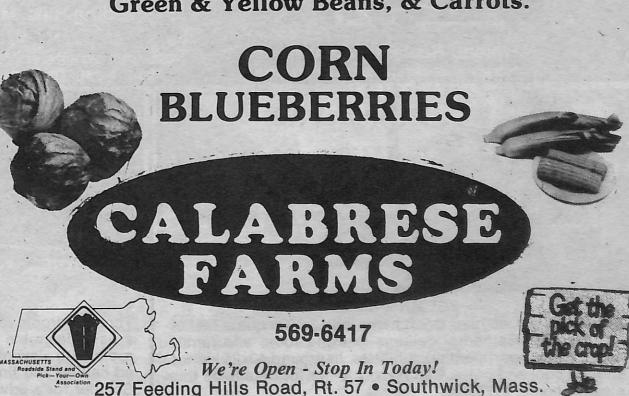
become a good adoptive "parent" for an animal.

There is still space in the last three weeks of the kamps. Parents should call Fitness First directly (786-1460) to register.

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Girl Scout Chatter

Agawam Middle School Jr. Troop 543

The last half of the year was very productive for Troop 543. We ended our year with a lunch at the Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee, and we were busy working on plans for an overnight camping trip.

The following patches were earned: "Exploring Healthy Eating," "Outdoor Fun in the City," "Walking for Fitness," and the "Sign of the Sun." We participated in the Road Race/Fun Walk, Walk in Stride, and our girls also participated in a G.S. Unit event at the Rollaway.

We helped the Agawam Junior Women's Club at their Town Fair; we collected table for Shriners.

at their Town Fair; we collected tabs for Shriners Hospital; and we decorated two birthday bulletin boards six times at Heritage Hall-West.

We also collected books for the Robinson Park carnival and participated in the Mother/Daughter Jr. G.S. Banquet in June.

Hope to see Emily, Anne, Heather, Sarah, Ashley, Ellen, Melissa, Jessica, and Lauren back again next year.

Have a safe and fun summer from Donna and

News, Notes, and Final Thoughts

Junior Banquet: On Monday, June 13th, six Jr. G.S. troops joined together for the fourth annual Jr. G.S. Mother/Daughter Banquet at the Agawam Senior Center. After much fun, fellowship, and good food, each troop was called upon to receive recognition for their achievements and to present a short skit or song

The Athletic Director of the high school, Kathleen McSweeney, also spoke to the girls about "following their dreams." She named many famous women in sports, science, government, and entertainment fields, etc., and called upon the girls to name what each woman was noted for. She then listed traits they all had in common.

Thanks go to the co-chairpersons of this unit event—Donna Shibley, Sue Landry, and Dee Adams—for all their careful planning; to the Agawam Senior Center for their excellent facilities; and to Kathleen McSweeney for her non-traditional and exciting speech format that brought home to the Girl Scouts the many possibilities open to them in their future.



MEMBERS OF DAISY GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 586 and 587 during the recent "bridging ceremony" to commemorate the girls advancement to the Brownie level of Girl Scouting. (SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 33). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jr. Troop 553 from Robinson Park School. They set up a Health and Fitness Fair and invited their fellow Girl Scouts to

Each group of three girls working with an adult took one aspect of health or fitness, researched it, and set up a booth. One group had a Personal Safety display, one did Bicycle Safety, one did Fire Safety, one did Walking and Running, one worked on Healthy Eating, and there was even a

booth on how to ride a horse safely.

As part of their display, they made safety posters, distributed hand-outs, had many samples to show, and told anyone who happened by all about it. They even fed us healthy snacks with hand-out recipes along the way, and had exercise sheets and mats for us to practice.

What a great job you did, Troop 553!

Last minute notes on the fall: Please watch for a flyer to come home the first full week of school to sign up for Girl Scouting. It is very important that this form be filled out by everyone, both new and old Girl Scouts, and returned to the place listed as soon as possible.

Since a large number of new girls sign up each year, it is usually necessary to start new troops each fall with new leadership. Many women find Girl Scouting's co-leadership to be a fun and rewarding way to spend quality time with a group

of girls.
Girl Scouts have the reputation for doing a lot of "really neat things." We think we run a flexible but structured program that allows for you and the girls to plan and yet has many resources and ongoing help and support available to you.

No experience is necessary to help or lead a troop. A brief, free training session acquaints you with what you need to know. Meeting times and places are flexible. They are planned at your convenience, around work, family, and other commitments you might have.

As you plan your schedule for the fall, please give this some thought. For more information or if you have any questions or concerns about Girl Scouting's co-leadership, call Margaret Bilodeau at 786-9083.

KUDOS to Ric Sardella and all his staff at The Agawam Advertiser News for their continued support and dedication to the Girl Scouts. We appreciate the space allowed for the "Girl Scout Chatter" column each year. Thank you for allowing us to share our experiences.

Local Students Attain Dean's List

Dr. William Lopes, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Westfield State College, has announced that the following students from this area have achieved Dean's List for the Spring 1994

From Agawam: Eric C. Jacobson, Michael F.

Bryant, Rachel M. Hyland, Richard E. Carra, Robyn L. Schermerhorn, David M. Sheehan, David A. Pisano, Jr., Brian D. Hill, Ron C. Geida, and Mary E. Davison.

From Feeding Hills: Sara E. White, Eric E. Franco, Jennifer M. O'Keefe, Christine M. Waite, Walter T. Komorowski, Mark W. Deveno, Heather

M. Paton, Kerry A. Robinson, Scott Mackin, Gina M. Vergnani, Gina M. Hodovanec, and Robert

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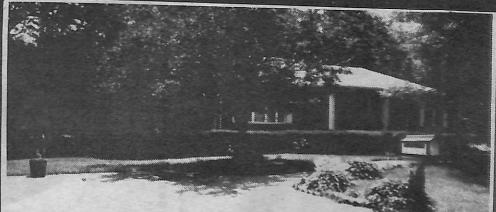






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Rovelli Bids Farewell As Clark's Principal

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

The last full day Smith Rovelli would spend with the students and staff of James Clark School as their principal began and ended at the flagpole on the green in front of the school.

the green in front of the school.

Filing out of the school with their teachers, each class took its place in front of the flagpole as custodian Richard Allen raised the flag, assisted by several fourth graders.

assisted by several fourth graders.

Accompanied by his wife, Barbara, and son,
Todd, Rovelli joined the students and staff in
reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as the flag flut-

tered in the breeze of a perfect summer morning.
At the end of the day, Rovelli received the flag and a plaque certifying that the flag had flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. on May 19th, 1994.

Fourth grade teacher Shirley Lertora, who organized the day-long tribute to the retiring principal, said the flag was obtained with the assistance of U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Served As Principal For 13 Years

Music teacher Sylvia Starkie led the school community in singing "America the Beautiful" and "This Land is Your Land" before the festivities moved indoors to the school's cafetorium. Here, a musical salute to the man who had been their principal for 13 years began.

Rovelli was greeted with a standing ovation as he and his family took their seats in the front row along with special guest Julia Crawford, the

along with special guest Julia Crawford, the school's retired principal.

Teacher Jane Robinson introduced the kindergarten students' presentation of "The World is a Rainbow" by noting, "A rainbow is a thing of beauty and character. Mr. Rovelli, you have touched each of us with your character."

After their song, the children presented Rovelli with symbols of the sun and rainbow that were

After their song, the children presented Rovelli with symbols of the sun and rainbow that were created by the classes for the musical number. Also, a pot of gold was given filled with good wishes for the future. Amanda Shepard presented Mrs. Rovelli with a bouquet of flowers.

The first graders took the stage carrying letters to spell out "M-r.-R-o-v-e-l-l-i." Carefully holding aloft tne signs in the correct order, the students spelled out the honoree's name as they extolled his virtures using the letters of his name: very extraordinary leader, outstanding friend, lighthearted, loveable and important—just to name a few.

Holding child-sized cutouts designed to represent people from many cultures all over the world, the second graders sang "We Are the World" before presenting Rovelli with a Big Book of their art work, as well as the paperdolls used during the

Performing material written by Carmino Ravosa, formerly of Springfield, the third graders found "The Shortest Distance Between Two Points is a Smile" and the shortest distance between two people is a smile.

For their farewell to Rovelli, the children sang "Thank You For Being You" and Kelly Doyle presented Rovelli with a framed photo of the entire third grade class. Noting that they would never forgot him, teacher Shirley Lertora said, "Here's a picture or your last third grade class. Please don't forget us!"

The fourth graders brought down the house with their rappin' routine, "The Boss Man." Written by parent **Donna Bodurtha**, the tribute to "the big boss man" would be sure to win a Grammy if only there were a category for best performance at an elementary school.

Living Memorial
Representing the PTO, MaryBeth Sheehan and Lynn O'Brien presented Rovelli with a tree as a living memorial at the school and a framed portrait that will hang in the school's main entry hall.

Fourth grade teacher Janice Phillips adapted "Auf-Wie-Der-Sein" from the "Sound of Music" as the children's final good-bye to Rovelli. Soloists for the emotionally charged song were Michelle Meloche, Catherine Sheehan, Shannon Malanson, Ashly Marek, Mellissa Jubinville, Laura Kennedy, Mary Kate Zajak, Katherine Bitzas, Robbie Ventulett, Carolyn Fontaine, Brittany Devo, John Connelly, Amanda Shepard, Lindsie Canuel, and Kristopher Kelly.

When it was finally his turn to take the mike, Rovelli found himself nearly overwhelmed with emotion.

"I hope I can say what I want to say," Rovelli told the staff and students. "The thing I treasure most is all you've done for me today. I was speechless during several parts of the program. If I had been called on to speak, I don't think I could have. Thank you all for your help. I love you all."

Rovelli left his final school assembly as the entire school rose to give him one last standing ovation in honor of his years of service as their principal.



MEMBERS OF THE ROVELLI FAMILY (Todd, Barbara, and Smith) sit with former Clark School Principal Julia Crawford at a ceremony in Clark's cafetorium to honor Smith Rovelli on the occasion of his retirement as the school's principal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS at Clark School performed "The World is a Rainbow" during the school's commemoration of Principal Smith Rovelli's retirement. Following the song, the children presented Rovelli with props from their performance, including the sun, a rainbow, and a "pot of gold" filled with good wishes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLARK SCHOOL FIRST GRADERS held up letters that spelled out Mr. Rovelli's name during the ceremony honoring the occasion of his retirement. All of the presentations during the ceremony conveyed the affection and respect that the schoolchildren feel toward Mr. Rovelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Another Great Summer At Perry Lane Park **Now In Progress**

by Holly Pevzner Advertiser News Staff

Agawam's children don't have to sit in front of their television sets all summer long, as shut-ins. There is a wonderful summer camp available in town. For approximately 15 years now, Perry Lane Summer Camp has been keeping area children active and in the great outdoors.

When the summer camp program began over a decade ago, there were a little more than 100 children taking part. As the town grew, so did

Perry Lane.

Presently, there are about 300 children in attendance. Now, unfortunately, Perry Lane is forced to turn some youngsters away, due to the overwhelming response. To make sure your child can take part in this summer camp, Director Gina Ferraro-Cronin recommends signing up toward the end of April each year.

Every Monday through Friday throughout the summer months, Perry Lane plays host to kids ranging from pre-schoolers to pre-teens. At Perry Lane, there is something for every child, regardless of their age. As Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin explained, the campers' day starts at 9:00 in the morning, when either their parents or the school bus

drops them off.

Perry Lane provides the children in town with bus service to and from camp. There are two buses so the children of both Feeding Hills and Agawam can enjoy the ride. From the time the kids are dropped off to the time that they head home at 3:30 p.m., their days are filled to the brim

with activities.

The children's schedules are fairly loose. "There is a lot of room of flexibility," explained Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin. "We are different from other camps because we have less structure. The kids have the freedom to choose (what they would like to do).'

To avoid the humdrum of a daily regimen, there are plenty of counselors and volunteers on hand to cater to the kids.

Perry Lane boasts a staff of approximately 50. The majority of the head counselors are continuing their educations in fields that include children. The director herself is a third-grade teacher in Suffield, CT. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology. Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin also holds a master's in education.

A Typical Day At Perry Lane

A typical day at Perry Lane usually includes an

organized sport. The campers always participate in both archery and tennis, but there are many more athletics the children can become involved in. One may find the youngsters playing polo (minus the horses, of course) or good, old-fashioned football or kickball.

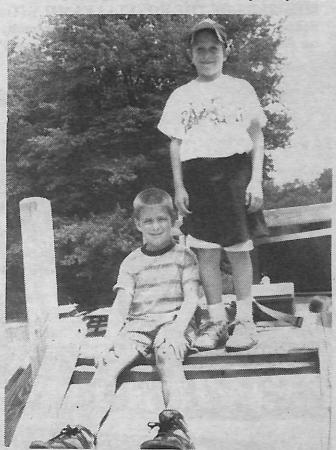
The children not only play on the black-tops and the fields, but also in the water that's close by. "Up to age 11, the children have swimming lessons," Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin told *The Agawam Advertiser News*. But, one doesn't have to be any particular age to enjoy the water on these sweltering summer afternoons. Every camper at Perry Lane participates in free swim. Currently, there are 10 certified lifeguards with Perry Lane.

The campers not only flex their athletic muscles, but their creative minds as well. Once a week, the campers participate in arts and crafts activities. Also, the youngsters venture out into the woods for their weekly nature hikes. Perry Lane is also well-equipped with board games.

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SUMMER CAMPERS Victoria Urrea (left) and Derek Stevens enjoy the swing set at Perry Lane Park last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





IN PHOTO LEFT, Josh Bernard and Mattew Footit are summer campers at the town's popular Perry Lane Park; IN PHOTO RIGHT, nine year-old Sarah Brown holds her nose before landing in the waters of the town pool. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PERRY LANE PARK'S 1994 Summer Camp counselors and staff members. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Apart from the daily adventures at Perry Lane, extra-special activities are always on the roster. Such activities include trips to the Suffield Cinemas, rollerskating every Tuesday, tours and all-the-ice-cream-a-kid-can-eat at Hood Ice Cream, and visiting the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springly ingfield.

For the younger campers at Perry Lane, they can look forward to exploring the Holyoke Children's Museum while the older kids head over

to Longhi's Driving Range for a spot of golf.
A 10-year Perry Lane veteran, Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin told The Agawam Advertiser News that each year she tries to vary the youngsters' field trips:
"We want to do some new things."
In addition to the special activities mentioned,

the Lions Club of Agawam puts on a picnic each year for the campers. Also, the campers compete in the Annual Field Day where ribbons are award-

Carnival In Memory Of Lisa Ziegert
For the past few years, Perry Lane's Annual
Carnival has been raising funds for a new cause the memory of camp counselor Lisa Ziegert. After Lisa was found murdered, Perry Lane and the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund have been giving out camperships. A campership is a way for children who normally would not be able to attend camp to enjoy their summer at Perry Lane.

The money raised at the carnival last year allowed nearly 30 children to go to day camp.

One wonderful thing about Perry Lane is the

family feeling it exudes. "Every year you come back and it's like you never left," said Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin. "The staff comes back year after

some of the current counselors were pre-school campers when Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin began at Perry Lane. Although that fact makes Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin "feel very old," it should make the campers' parents feel very secure.

Why should Agawam's kids attend Perry Lane?

Well, Mrs. Ferraro-Cronin put it this way: "It keeps them busy and active. They are not just hanging.

them busy and active. They are not just hanging around the house watching TV."

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Bambi School Graduates Another Class



BAMBI NURSERY SCHOOL on Vernon Street, Agawam, graduated another class of happy youngsters recently. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Special Needs Students Get Honorable Mention In Awards

Agawam residents Alexander Smith, Denise Marchetto, and Peter Kingsley were among youngsters with disabilities to receive honorable mention in the Fifth Annual Sokolove Personal

The program honors New England youngsters with disabilities, ages three through 21, who have overcome great odds to achieve personal trium-

This year, over 350 heart-warming nominations poured into the Law Offices of James Sokolove & Affiliates, the program sponsors. The youngsters were nominated by special educators, legislators,

clergy, and parents.

Their triumphs included achievements in education, sports, community activities, work, or simply coping with the rigors of life with a

disability.

An awards ceremony attended by over 700 people was held on June 29th at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, Massachusetts to honor this year's nominees. Each nominee received a Certificate of Achievement and was congratulated by celebrity award recipients, New England Patriot Andre Tippett, WBZ-TV sportscaster Bob Lobel, and WLVI-TV's Kid's Club host Elizabeth Dann.

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DOT Communications Has Exciting Season In Mickey Mantle League

On June 5th, DOT Communications of the Mickey Mantle baseball league opened its season against Eastside AA. DOT won the game 9-4 with help from Tony Alfano's lead-off triple and went 1-2, while Bryan Menard and Josh Maynard had

1-2, while Bryan Menard and Josh Maynard had two RBI and a hit each. Josh Maynard, Dan Viens, and Joe Fiorentino pitched a combined one-hitter. In game two, DOT played Camacho's Video and won 12-7. There were four big home runs by Tony Alfano, Bob Johnson, Bryan Menard, and a grand slam by Steve Rovithis. Todd Jorgenson, Steve Virella, Bob Johnson, and Dan Viens also had two bits each hits each.

Following a 14-4 loss to the OLSH/TBP Braves, DOT fell 6-4 to St. Anne's despite strong hitting from Jay Malone, Chris Bednarzyk, Chris Bitzas, and Bryan Menard. The team's third loss (5-4 versus the St. Catherine Eagles in extra innings) occurred during the second week of the season. "It was a tough loss for me," said Agawam coach Larry Viens. Phil McGeoghan pitched an excellent

game going the distance.

For its sixth game, DOT faced Eastside AA once again and beat them for the second time, 12-0. There was strong pitching from Joe Fiorentino, who threw a no-hitter. The team had multiple hits from Dan Viens, Steve Rovithis, Josh

Maynard, and Todd Godfrey.

DOT Communications continued its winning ways and upped its record to 4-3, thanks to an 8-5 victory over the Chicopee Tigers. DOT had excellent pitching from Dan Viens, Bryan Menard, and Josh Maynard; Bryan also had a big night with the bat, going 3-4 with a pair of doubles. Tony Alfano, Dan Viens, Steve Virella, Chris Bednarzyk, and Phil McGeoghan had two hits each.

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For its next game, DOT played a tough St. Catherine Cubs team and won 4-3. There was a strong outing by Josh Maynard, who went the distance. Todd Jorgenson had two hits while Joe Fiorentino had a big sacrifice and Dan Viens had the game-winning hit the game-winning hit.

In 90-degree weather, DOT Communications went on to beat the St. Catherine Tigers 9-2. The team had strong hitting from Bob Johnson, who went 2-4 with these RBI's. DOT also had a good

outing from Joe Fiorentino on the mound.

The next team to fall to DOT was the North Side Devils (8-3). The big hitting was from Bob Johnson, Todd Jorgenson, and Steve Rovithis. In the fourth inning, pitcher Jay Malone ran into trouble by giving up three straight hits and a walk. With already one run in and North Side threatening, Jay struck out the next batter and then ended the inning with a double play.

the inning with a double play.

DOT Communications' fourth defeat of the season came at the hands of Eastside AA, whose 6-3 victory this time around helped to avenge its prior losses to DOT. In this one, Bryan Menard had a pair of singles to lead the team.

Boys' Basketball Camp **Scheduled For July**

The former WNEC Boys' Basketball Camp has moved to Grande Meadows Tennis & Health Club this year. Boys from nine to 16 years of age are welcome.

There will be two sessions: July 11th-15th, and July 18th-22nd. The camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

For further information, call Mike Martin at 789-0494 (h) or 732-3153 (w), or Lou Conte at 786-



MEMBERS OF DOT COMMUNICATIONS from Agawam. The team participates in the 14-16 Mickey Mantle Baseball League. Team members, front row, from left - Todd Godfrey, Steve Rovithis, Chris Bednarzyk, Steve Virella, and Mike Grassetti. Back row - Coach Larry Viens, Brian Menard, Bob Johnson, Jay Malone, Josh Maynard, Joe Fiorentino, and Phil McGeoghan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

14-16 Mickey Mantle League...

DOT Communications Defeats Ag. Body Shop In Pitcher's Duel

On Thursday, July 7th, the Agawam Body Shop hosted Agawam DOT Communications of the 14-16 Mickey Mantle baseball league. Going into this game, both teams were very intense, as were Body Shop coach Jon Pelligrino and DOT coach

The Body Shop opened the scoring with Jamie Sherban's single. He went on to steal second and third, then scoring on a wild pitch. Mike Domaigne also got a hit in the first inning, but he was stranded on base.

DOT Communications opened up in the second inning with Bob Johnson walking. He then took second on a passed ball, moved to third on a Steve Virella ground out, and then scored on a Steve Rovithis single.

Steve then took third on a base hit to right field by Josh Maynard. With one out and runners on second and third, Phil McGeoghan hit a sacrifice fly to drive in Steve from third, which proved to be the

In the fifth inning, the Body Shop had runners

on second and third with two out, and Jamie Sherban hit what seemed to be a base hit up the middle; however, Sherban's hit deflected off Bryan Menard's glove when Steve Rovithis picked it up at shortstop and threw out Jamie to end the inn-

For the remainder of the game, it was a pitcher's duel by the Body Shop's Dan Pellegrino and DOT Communications' Bryan Menard.

Jeff Rousseau and Jay Peloquin made outstanding plays in the outfield for the Body Shop off hits from Steve Rovithis and Jay Malone. DOT Communications also had strong defense, holding the Body Shop to three hits in the game (by Jamie Sherban, Mike Domaigne, and Jim Baldyga) while Bryan Menard struck out seven batters and nitched a complete game. batters and pitched a complete game.

DOT Communications punched out eight hits by Jay Malone, Todd Godfrey, Bob Johnson, Steve Rovithis, Steve Virella, Josh Maynard, Phil McGeoghan, and Chris Bednarzyk.

The final score was DOT Communications 2, and the Body Shop 1.

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AAA Piranhas Open Summer Swim Season With Win

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team had a successful start to its summer season with a 463-432 win over the Springfield Sharks at Perry Lane Pool on June 22nd, 1994.

The results included:

8 & under girls: In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of Lauren Fox, Jillian Kos, Bethany Reid, and Julia Weisgerber placed first; the team of Jessica Tully, Lisa Whitehead, Johannah Kos, and Genevieve Wojcik placed second.

Jillian Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley. Bethany Reid, second, and Talia Scalise, third

in 25-yard freestyle.

Jillian Kos, first, and Johannah Kos, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Lauren Fox, first, and Angela Vinton, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Bethany Reid, second in 25-yard breaststroke. The team of Genevieve Wojcik, Angela Vinton, Talia Scalise, and Johannah Kos placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

8 & under boys:

The team of Jeffrey Lagasse, Ben Bruso, Jamie Lewin, and Douglas Duquette placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Ben Bruso, first, and Jamie Lewin, second in

100-yard individual medley.

Jeffrey Lagasse, second, and Jamie Lewin, third in 25-yard freestyle. Ben Bruso, first, and Douglas Duquette, third in

25-yard backstroke. Ben Bruso, first, and Jamie Lewin, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Hilary Golas, Amanda Fox, Erin Simison, and Christina O'Brien placed first.

Amanda Fox, first in 100-yard individual medley

and in 50-yard butterfly.

Hilary Golas, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Hilary Golas, first, and Christina O'Brien, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Erin Simison, third in 50-yard breaststroke. 9-10 boys:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Paul Lagasse, Joseph Santaniello, Joshua Lewin, and Daniel Adamski placed second.

Joseph Santaniello, first in 100-yard individual

Daniel Adamski, first in 50-yard freestyle. Joseph Santaniello, first, and Joshua Lewin, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Daniel Adamski, first in 50-yard backstroke. Brian McGuire, third in 50-yard breaststroke. The team of Daniel Adamski, Paul Lagasse, Brian McGuire, and Joseph Santaniello placed

first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

11-12 girls: The team of Katie Theroux, Caitlin Weisgerber, Shannon Costa, and Kimberly Sullivan placed

first in the 200-yard medley relay.
Caitlin Weisgerber, first, and Shannon Costa,
third in 200-yard individual medley.
Kimberly Sullivan, first in 50-yard freestyle.
Caitlin Weisgerber, first, Alicyn Siano, second,

and Allison Pisano, third in 50-yard butterfly. Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Katie Theroux, se-

cond in 50-yard backstroke.

Shannon Costa, third in 50-yard breaststroke. 11-12 boys:

Suffield's "Tiger Sharks" Gear Up For **Swimming Competition**

Suffield: The Suffield Country Club "Tiger Sharks" are once again preparing to compete against five other swim clubs which are members of the Greater Hartford Swim Club Association.

This year, due to the late closing of many public schools, the Tiger Sharks participated in voluntary after school practices to prepare themselves for this swim season. Many children participated.

The children swim in several age categories: the "Bubblers," who are very young children wearing flotation devices and swim one lap of the 25-yard pool; eight and under boys' and girls'; 10

and under boys' and girls'; 12 and under boys' and girls'; 14 and under boys' and girls'.

The Suffield Country Club team includes children from Suffield, Enfield, Windsor Locks, Feeding Hills (MA), and West Hartford. The Junior team also has a new coach added to the staff this

year, Chris Arcoutte.

Rain or shine, the Tiger Sharks practice and compete to win! Enthusiastic parent support and a dedicated coaching staff help keep the Suffield "Tiger Sharks" a winning team.

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The team of David Berube, Jeffrey Rivkin, Thomas Casiello, and Nick Duquette placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and Thomas Casiello, third in 200-yard individual medley.

Nick Duquette, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and Nathan Adamski, third in 50-yard butterfly.

in 50-yard butterfly.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and David Berube, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Thomas Casiello, second, and Nathan Adam-

ski, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

13-14 girls: In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Jillian Abdow, Eileen Daly, Danielle DeForge, and Kelli Kunkel placed second, the team of Sarah Nacewicz, Kelly Robinson, Gina Cellili, and Melissa Sparveri placed third.

Eileen Daly, third in 200-yard individual medley. Sarah Nacewicz, first, Jillian Abdow, second, and Melissa Sparveri, third in 200-yard freestyle. Kelli Kunkel, second, and Kelly Robinson, third in 50-yard freestyle.

in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, first in 100-yard butterfly.
Jillian Abdow, third in 100-yard backstroke. Danielle DeForge, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

13-14 boys:

Matt Slattery, first in 100-yard individual medley and first in 200-yard freestyle. 15-18 girls:

Rachel Niemiec, first in 200-yard individual medley and in 100-yard backstroke.

Tara Rivkin, second in 200-yard freestyle. Rachel Niemiec, first, and Tara Rivkin, third in 50-yard freestyle.

15-18 boys: Jonathan David, first in 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly, and in 100-yard

Tim Church, first, and Chad Abdow, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Tim Church, second, and Chad Abdow, third in

50-yard freestyle. Tim Church, second, and Chad Abdow, third in

100-yard breaststroke.

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Memorial Scholarship Scramble At Oak Ridge Golf Club In F. H.



OAK RIDGE Golf Pro Jim Modzelesky (left) awards the "Nearest To The Pin" prize to Dr. Al Stafford at the Hank Drewnowski Memorial Scholarship Scramble on Sunday, July 10th.



READY TO "TEE OFF" at the Hank Drewnowski Memorial Scholarship Scramble are Greg Frost, Paul Wollenberg, Sandy Fisher, and Hank Drewnowski, Jr.

AAN Golf Tip Of The Week... The World's Greatest Golfers Share Their Keys To Mastering The Game

Compiled by Jim Modzelesky, PGA Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills, MA

TOM KITE The 1991 Infiniti Tournament Of Champions

TAKE THE CLUB STRAIGHT BACK
A lot of times the best swing key is one that
helps you protect against a weakness or flaw in
your swing. I know I have a tendency to take the
club back too much to the inside instead of bring-

ing it straight away from the ball.
When this happens, I tend to reroute the club at the top of my backswing and come into the ball on an outside swing path. When I do this, anything can happen, but most of the time I'll wind up

blocking the ball to the right.

The Tournament of Champions is the first tournament of the year, and naturally you want to play well to get the season off on the right foot. La Costa isn't the kind of course where you can scrape the ball around, make a few putts, and still score pretty well. You just have to be hitting the ball well to have any chance of winning.

Coming into the tournament, I had a swing thought that had some promise. I knew that if I just tried taking the club straight back from the ball, it wouldn't get the job done. But if I had an image of taking the club back outside the line, it would probably help me take the club straight back from the ball and improve my shotmaking

back from the ball and improve my shotmaking.
I concentrated on this during my practice rounds and when I was on the practice tee, and it really worked great. It's a key that I've used many times since then.



ON SUNDAY, JULY 10th, the Annual Hank Drewnowski Memorial Scholarship Scramble was played at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. The field of 130 players consisted of Oak Ridge members, as well as friends and members of the Drewnowski family. This golfing event honors the memory of Hank Drewnowski, Sr., and the proceeds once again allowed the Drewnowski family to award two scholarships to graduating seniors who were participants in the Agawam High School football program and will be attending college this fall. In the photo above, Hank Drewnowski, Jr., and Mike Drewnowski buy their "Mulligans" from Lynn Modzelesky, wife of Oak Ridge Golf Pro Jim Modzelesky; looking on are Kristine and Jennifer Modzelesky.



AMONG THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED at the Hank Drewnowski Memorial Scholarship Scramble were Ron Lampro, Gary Marcoullier, Billy Strycharz, "Nicky," Paul "Mono" Strycharz, and Mike Drewnowski.

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—By Bill Chiba— 1003 No. Westfield St. F.H., MA 01030



The Danger Of Eating Certain Fish

The Massachusetts Health Department has issued the following health advisories to all cities and towns in Western Mass. Why our department in Agawam is not notifying the residents of the danger of eating certain fish is a mystery to me. So, I am taking it upon myself to report the information from the Mass. Health Department.

The public is advised not to eat any lake trout longer than 24 inches or any large-mouth or small-mouth bass caught in Quabbin Reservoir. Children under 12, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should eat no fish caught in Quabbin Reservoir.

The public is advised not to eat any American eels, white perch, channel and white catfish caught in the Connecticut River from Northfield to Longmeadow because of fears of contamination by polychlorinated biphenyls (or PCBs), a suspected carcinogen.

The public is advised not to eat any fish at all caught in the Hoosic River from North Adams to Cheshire because of the fear of contamination by PCBs.

The public is advised not to eat brown trout and American eels caught in the Miller's River and its tributaries below the confluence with the Otter River because of the fear of contamination by PCBs.

The public is advised not to eat any frogs, fish, or turtles caught in the Housatonic River from Dalton to Sheffield because of the fear of contamination by PCBs.

The general public should limit consumption of other fish caught in the Miller's River and tributaries to two meals per month. Also, children under 12, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should eat no fish caught in these waters.

The general public is advised to limit meals of large-mouth bass caught in Pontoosuc Lake to

two meals per month because of the fear of mercury contamination. Children under 12, pregnant women, and nursing mothers are advised to not eat any fish caught in the lake.

In letters sent to local boards of health, the state DPH added 17 bodies of water to the list of those for which the health warnings have been issued bringing the total to 31

issued, bringing the total to 31.

However, DPH officials stopped short of issuing a statewide health advisory about eating all freshwater fish caught in the state, something they had been considering after Maine officials issued such a warning in May over fears of mercury contamination.

cury contamination.

The chemicals that are falling on the Northeast states are coming from the Ohio Valley, where the many electrical companies are burning cheap coal and discharging the created chemicals into the atmosphere which are carried by winds to the Northeast

Our lakes are dying, our forests are dying, and it won't be long before our soil is so polluted that nothing will grow. These conditions have taken place in Poland, East Germany, and other Eastern European countries. Fact is, the lifespan of newly-planted trees in those countries is two years.

This poisoning of the Northeast states will endure until the current land our loaders in those

This poisoning of the Northeast states will endure until the cushy jobs of our leaders in these states are threatened by the uprising of the general public who'll finally say enough is enough. It better happen pretty soon, or we all will be walking around with tanks on our sides and hoses up our noses.

Here is an update from the Lucky Dutchman Charters on fishing in the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario (Pulaski and Mexico area, New York). Captain Bill VanWormer reports that the thermocline is just starting to set up.

According to him, "The cool spring delayed the process by a few weeks. We are doing fish in 70 to 100 feet of water; setting riggers from 30 to 70 feet down; and running dipsey divers off the sides at a 2 or 2½ setting and 85 to 135 feet of line off the

"We have been running spoons NK 28's and Evil eyes in silver blue and silver purple being good choices to start with. There are some kings being taken in the deeper water (200 to 250 feet depth), and spoons in silver black are a good choice. The cut bait and flasher/dodger combos should start taking kings any time now."

If any readers are looking for a good charter captain that knows his stuff, you can contact the Lucky Dutchman Charters by phone—315-298-4467 or 800-368-4467. Captain Bill operates out of Feeder Creel Lodge.

Agawam Men's Softball...

Bucs Overcome PTS; Scrubbers Prevail

by Brian Colby Advertiser News Correspondent

It was an interesting night in Men's Slo-Pitch Softball on Tuesday night at Borgatti Park. The gang from Buccaneer Lounge and PTS and E.B.'s Restaurant took on the Plainfield Scrubbers.

The first game of the night was the second place Bucs against struggling PTS. The Bucs came up empty in their part of the first by going down in order. PTS would put two on the board in their first at-bat when Steve Tetreault and Randy Cordner smacked base hits.

The top of third would prove costly for PTS as four straight safeties by Dan Boe, Todd Mazza, Bob Mills, and Nick Carra would score a few. Also, a sacrifice fly by Phil DelNegro and a triple by Jeff Callahan cleared the bases to give the Bucs a 5-2 lead.

The bottom of the third would prove useless for PTS while the top of the fourth saw the Bucs pad their lead to 6-2 (on an error).

In the bottom of the fifth, things got interesting again. PTS got a hit and then three consecutive walks. Another base hit by Tetreault would score two. Then a sacrifice fly by Cordner would vault PTS into a 7-6 lead.

The obviously shaken Bucs couldn't do anything in the top of the sixth and PTS added what was hoped to be an insurance run in the bottom of the frame for an 8-6 lead.

Bucs fans, however, weren't worried very long as the top of the seventh saw them chain together a dramatic, five-run rally. Consecutive base hits by Ed Mutti, DelNegro, Callahan, and John Zuncan helped the Bucs soar to an 11-8 lead and that's how it stayed until the end.

The win launched the Bucs to a 13-3 record while PTS fell from playoff contention at 6-14-1.

Fourth place E.B.'s and sixth place Plainfield Scrubbers are both more than respectable near-the-top-of-the-pack teams looking to move up in the rankings.

Scrubbers would jump out to a 5-0 lead fueled by a huge error in the very first frame. A long drive to the outfield was somehow caught by the fielder but the ball slipped out of the glove and over the fence for a grandslam homerun.

E.B.'s, knowing it has a potent offense of its own, fought right back with six runs on RBI hits by Lou Prendergras, Al Summers, Rob Largo, and Eric Gerard for a 6-5 lead.

That, however, would be the end of the line for E.B.'s glory as Scrubbers took no prisoners. The Scrubbers poured on hit after hit, run after run. Marvin Sims, Ralph Edward, Ira Prude, and Verman Brown all carried big sticks in this one.

While E.B.'s did manage a few more runs, by the time the Scrubbers' tidal wave had subsided, the "Mercy Rule" was applied as E.B.'s was down by a whopping 24-10.

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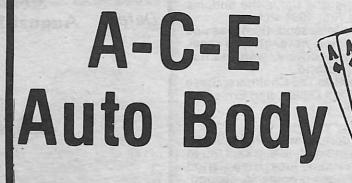
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Racing At Riverside

Bruce D'Allessandro **Earns First Modified** Win At Riverside

Three out of four ain't bad!

The above sentence is a popular saying, and for three drivers in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway, that saying became true on Saturday, July 9th, because three out of four divisions boasted first-time winners for the 1994 season!

A crowd of 4,698 came out in threatening weather to witness the action-packed events (sponsored by West Springfield Auto Parts/AP Mufflers) and saw Bruce D'Allessandro, Gary Fioramanti, and Jeff Connors earn their initial 1994 victories in their respective races. Pro Stock driver Tom Carey was the only repeat winner for the evening.

In the Modified feature, Wade Cole led from the pole for 13 laps until Bobby Gegetskas brushed him; Cole pitted and Gegetskas took the lead.
Meanwhile, the biggest early battle was between
Ed Spiers, Brian Schofield, and Chris Kopec.
There were only four cautions in this Houghton
the worst being for Brian Miller and Jungalors and

(who got locked together). Reggie Ruggiero and Chris Kopec also pitted.

When the field settled in for the final 10 laps, it was Brian Schofield who went down under Bobby Gegetskas; while Schofield was trying this move, Bruce D'Allessandro came from the middle of the pack and, with just six laps to go, took charge by aggressively moving to the inside and never giving an inch to take the lead. Bobby Gegetskas gave it his best shot, but he was passed by Reggie Ruggiero in the final laps.

At the checker, Bruce D'Allessandro came in first to earn his first 1994 victory for Bill Meyers and the International Auto Body team. Second was Reggie Ruggiero (Pelly/Haymond Law Office), followed by Bobby Gegetskas (CVS Drugs), Steve Park (Brady Cavalier), and Dan Avery (Porter-Chester Ins.) to round out the ton five (Porter-Chester Ins.) to round out the top five. Sixth through 10th were Ed Spiers, John Ander-

son, Ed Kennedy, Rich Savary, and Tom Jensen.
Following his win, D'Allessandro remarked,
"Two weeks from now, this team will have a new car. They just never give up; we are going to be tough with the new car. It's been a long time since I have won at Riverside."

Bill Lauridesn led for 16 laps in the Pro Stocks before Tom Carey drove low to take the lead and ultimately win the race. Coming from the middle of the pack, Carey was hunted down by Eddy Carroll, who wound up in second place. Third through fifth were earned by Ed Carroll, Bill Lauridsen, and

Rounding out the top 10 for this event were Jeff Horn, Sumner Chapman, Tom Fearn, Dave Carusso, and John Lobo.

Incidentally, this race marked Carey's second win of the 1994 for Joe Bean's Mobil racing.

Four different leaders in 25 laps told the story in the Late Model feature. Gail Lavoie lead for two laps and was heavily pressured by Paul Diposa and Rocco Mazziotto.

Late in the feature, Gary Fioramanti dominated the action by just never giving up; in the end, his efforts paid off with his first 1994 victory.

Chuck Docherty came in second, third was Joe Czarnecki (who also drove a never-give-up race), and fourth and fifth, respectively, were earned Gee Perry and Rocco Mazziotto.

Sixth through 10th went to Ted Chalmers, Steve Fifield, Glen Griswold, Paul Dipisa, and Ernie Tar-

Jeff Connors was the dominant car in the Strictly Stock feature, and his great style and skill led to his number-one finish in victory lane. Herb Carlon made a late-race challenge to come in second, followed by Ken Marques, Al Leone, and Todd

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Vinny Buonocore, Bill Reiman, P.J. Pelc, Bruce Battles, and Rob Valerio.

This Saturday, July 16th, Riverside will present five divisions of NASCAR racing, as well as the speedway's only appearance of the NEMA Midgets. This event will also be "Nutmeg Collections" tibles" night, featuring limited-edition Matchbox Modifieds that will be given to the first 3,000 race

And, don't forget—Riverside will present the Budweiser "King of Beers" National Modified Tour 150 on Wednesday, July 20th, starting at 6:00

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Riverside Speedway To Hold "Nutmeg Collectibles Night"

It's perhaps the most wanted promotional giveaway of the summer. Everyone is into racing collectibles, and miniature Matchbox-type cars are the rage. These exaxt replicas of the Modifieds from yesteryear to the present-day Modified tour are the foundation of collecting.

This Saturday, July 16th, Riverside Park Speedway will present five divisions of NASCAR racing, including the only area appearance of the NEMA Midgets. To celebrate this special night, Nutmeg Collectibles, Inc., is giving away actual Matchbox, limited-edition Modifieds from the series 4 collections and the series 4 collections are series 4 collections. tion to the first 3,000 race fans.

These collectibles are valued between \$5 and \$7 retail, and this group of miniature Modifieds could include the vehicles of such noted drivers as Tom Baldwin, Jan Leaty, Rick Fuller, or Reggie Ruggiero. Consequently, Riverside's "Nutmeg Collectibles" Night represents one of the biggest giveaway events of the 1994 NASCAR season.
As if this promotion wasn't enough, the July

16th event also marks a significant night for fans of Bob Polverari. Through the efforts of Mark and Joe Daddio of Nutmeg Collectibles (who've pioneered the concept of the Modified Matchbox car series), racing enthusiasts at Riverside this Saturday will have the opportunity to purchase the newly-released Bob Polverari "Ya Gotta Believe" Vega, plus the other latest miniature models from Nutmeg.

Furthermore, the Modified feature winner on this evening will have a chance to have his Riverside-winning car produced as a series-type collectible (thereby commemorating both the winning team and the Nutmeg promotional giveaway).

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Racing At Riverside - continued...

Riverside To Host NASCAR Modifieds July 20th

On Wednesday, July 20th, Riverside Park Speedway will present a "tradition"—the only mid-week stop on the NASCAR Featherlight well as thousands of dollars in heat and time trial money (and more glitz and glamour than any other tour). To add to the evening's uniqueness, Rivermid-week stop on the NASCAR Featherlight Modified Tour. Because there are many ingredients that make it so special, this Budweiser "King of Beers" 150 event has gained both national and local recognition as the premiere stop on the Modified Tour.

Boasting a purse in excess of \$62,000, this evening of racing will draw a field of 40 NASCAR Tour cars which will include the likes of Wayne Anderson, Tom Baldwin, Ed Flemke, Steve Park, Jeff Fuller, Rick Fuller, Bruce D'Allessandro, Satch Worley, Jamie Tomaino, Reggie Ruggiero, Carl Pasteryak, Charley Pasteryak, Jan Leaty, and

This mid-week event is unique, and what makes it even more special is \$1,500 in lap money, as

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side will feature the presence of a distinguished Grand Marshal—Agawam's retired police chief, Stanley Chmielewski.

One of Agawam's leading citizens, Chmielewski's recent retirement party drew over 500 people from the state and local levels of government, so it only seemed fitting to Ben Dodge, Jr. (Riverside's Director of Racing) that the "chief" was named as the honorary Grand Marshal for this prestigious Riverside event on Wednesday July 20th Wednesday, July 20th.

"He (Chmielewski) was the perfect choice for Grand Marshal because he's been one of the biggest supporters of auto racing at Riverside for the last 30 years. He loves auto racing and has served as a sponsor, race car owner, and senior advisor to the speedway; I am honored that he is my Grand Marshal," stated Dodge.

Chmielewski said, "I was thrilled and honored when Ben Dodge asked me to be Grand Marshal.

He has done more for recipied (at Biverside).

He has done more for racing (at Riverside) than anyone, and to be a part of this event is such an honor. I will never forget this ... racing is the love of my life!'

Tickets for this special mid-week event are \$19.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under. This special event will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th, at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam. (The rain date is Thursday, July 21st).

Advance sale tickets (priced at \$18 for adults) are available at Riverside and Ticketmaster. To charge by phone, call (413) 733-2500 or (203)

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Barry Gray

As stated earlier in this article, the NEMA opencockpit Midgets will make their only New England appearance on July 16th; these winged cars that the track was founded with will put on a great show. And, as usual, the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly tocks will continue their weekly competition at p.m., and the racing action starts at 6:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Riverside The Riverside "Nutmeg Collectibles" giveaway Park Speedway at (413) 786-9300. Stocks will continue their weekly competition at

night (with five divisions of racing) is priced at \$14.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under. This price includes admission to Riverside Park, where you can enjoy free shows, games, and great food.

The pits are scheduled to open at 11:00 a.m., and the South Gate will open at 4:00 p.m. The Nutmeg giveaway will begin at the stadium at 5:00

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Tri-County Baseball...

Good Pitching Keeps Auto School In 1st

by Brian Colby **Advertiser News Correspondent**

Agawam Auto School successfully bounced back from its 6-0 loss to Teddy Bear Pools last Saturday by first defeating St. Joe's on Monday night followed by a 7-0 drubbing of the Westfield Platers Tuesday night in Tri-County Baseball League action.

Auto School boasts a 13-6-1 record good for 27 points and first place at presstime. Jimmy Walker fired a nifty four-hit shutout Tuesday night over

Westfield.

In the St. Joe's game on Monday at Harmon Smith Field, neither team could score in the first inning, although Auto School had a big chance to

put plenty of hurt on St. Joe's.
After a leadoff homer by Frank Mochak, walks to Jason Wooley, Nathan Wooley, and Matt Edgerly loaded the bases but the rally died there as pitcher Bill Ayers managed to wiggle out of the jam.

St. Joe's put two runners on base after base hits in the third but a series of flyballs and a strikeout snuffed out that threat pretty quickly. Brian Doyle would get a base hit to lead off the third for Agawam. Ray Burgess then drove a triple to score Doyle to give Auto School a 2-0 edge.

Ayers and Auto School hurler Jeff Spanswick each had easy street in the fourth inning. In the fifth, St. Joe's scratched-out its only run of the game off an error and a few walks. A timely double play started by Spanswick (1-4-3) proved to be one of the game's key plays as it preserved Auto School's 2-1 advantage.

In the bottom of the fifth, Brietbart, Doyle, and Burgess all slugged hits to regain Auto School's two-run lead. The visitors were then shut down by Spanswick in the sixth, one-two-three (including a

strikeout).

Auto School increased the margin to three runs in the bottom of the frame when Nate Wooley singled home brother Jason for the 4-1 lead.

A double in the top of the seventh would be the only noise St. Joe's could muster before Spanswick sealed the lid on his fine victory.

Brightside Golf Classic To Be Held At Three **Locales On August 8th**

"Bigger and Better Than Ever" could be the best way to describe the 14th Annual Brightside Golf Classic, set for Monday, August 8th. Each year, the tournament is one of the biggest

and most successful in the area, and provides hundreds of local golfers the opportunity to pitch in and help out families and children (as well as an excellent excuse to get out and have a great

time on the links).

The Golf Classic will again be played on three of the top courses in the area: Twin Hills in Longmeadow, Crestview in Agawam, and Springfield Country Club in West Springfield.
The 1993 version of the tournament saw almost

350 golfers teeing off to help the children and families helped by Brightside.

A new feature this year is the first-ever Women's Division. The participation of women in the tournament has increased each year, so a new division with separate prizes was formed. Last year's Brightside Golf Classic raised more

than \$75,000 dollars to help Brightside continue providing much-needed programs and services to families and children in our community.

Space is still available for both players and sponsors for this year's tournament. To get more information on the tournament or to register, contact Brightside Special Events Coordinator Diane Hessinger at (413) 788-7366, ext. 4271.

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Tri-County Baseball...

Teddy Bear Pools Blanks Auto School, 6-Zip

by Brian Colby **Advertiser News Correspondent**

Last Saturday may be a day that Agawam's own Agawam Auto School wishes it could forget. The team traveled to Northampton to take on the players from the ever-talented Teddy Bear Pools, leaders of the Northern Divison of the Tri-County

Baseball League.

The baseball gods didn't give Auto School a single break on this very hot summer day as Teddy Pool spanked them in a 6-0 shutout. The locals still continue the lead the league's Southern Divi-

sion despite this setback.

Auto School came out looking to score right away in the top of the first. Ray Burgess walked and Bob Altobelli singled. But Frank Mochak would ground hard to the second baseman and Altobelli would be out on a fielder's choice to end

the potential rally.

Teddy Bear wasted little time jumping out front. Two base hits up the middle with the bases loaded would score four runs. This proved to be more than enough, although Auto School pitcher Chris Edgert did settle down and pitch a good game the rest of the way.

Teddy Bear scored twice more in the bottom of the sixth to take the 6-0 lead as Auto School came to the plate for its last at-bat in the seventh.

The locals did threaten in the seventh. Frank Mochak singled with one out and Brian Robinson and Shawn Smith both walked. But a snappy 6-4-3 double play ended things for the visitors as they suffered one of their worst defeats in recent weeks on the Tri-County circuit.

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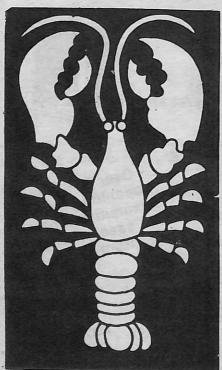
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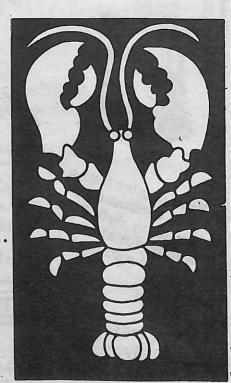
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Body Shop Clinches Divisional Title By Whitewashing Elks

The Body Shop clinched first place in their division with an extra-inning thriller against the Elks No. 61, 3-0.

This nail-biter went seven scoreless innings. In the Agawam's half of the eighth, Chris Chechile cracked a triple to lead off the inning. Jeff Haglin then came to the plate with the bases loaded and surprised an unexpecting Elks team by laying down a squeeze bunt with what was to be the win-

Dom Pisano brought in two more insurance runs with a hard hit ball that took an Agawam

bounce past the third baseman.

The Body Shop kept wondering if the sun was ever going to shine of their side of the field on this gorgeous Sunday afternoon when they pounded out seven hits by Jon Jacobsen, Dan Pellegrino, Jay Pelloquin, Mike Domaingue, Jeff Rousseau, and Dom Pisano, but three times the Elks came up with perfect throws to pick off three runners, squelching The Body Shop's scoring chances.

Jon Jacobsen and Jim Baldyga combined to pitch a no-hitter to continuously keep Agawam's hopes alive.

The entire team played a flawless defensive

The Body Shop picked up two more wins this week while dropping their third one-run loss of the

The first win was an easy one for Jon Jacobsen against the Chicopee Tigers, 6-0. He struck out 10 while walking two.

Offensively, he also helped his own cause by belting two hits along with Dom Pisano and Chris Chechile. Dan Pellegrino smashed a single to drive in two runs.

Jay Pelloquin tracked down a hard hit fly ball to centerfield.

Their third loss of the season came on a 2-1 squeaker to the Agawam Dots. All the runs in this game were scored in the first two innings and pitchers Dan Pellegrino and Brian Menard shut both teams down for the final five innings.

The Body Shop could only muster three hits in a tough loss by Jim Baldyga, Jamie Scherban, and Mike Domaingue.

This game was played with excellent defense by both teams.

Agawam bounced right back with another crucial win over the tough St. Catherine's Eagles, 2-0. Agawam needed this win to pull in a tie for first with the Eagles.

Jay Pelloquin had a hot night at the plate going 3-4 and driving in the first run. Mike Domaingue had a hit and sacrifice bunt to drive in the second run of the game. Dan Pellegrino and Andrew Ingham also chipped in with a hit.

Jon Jacobsen pitched a sparkling game, allow-

ing only two hits in a shutout.

Dan Pellegrino made a diving catch at first to terminate what was a sure single to rightfield.

The Body Shop, on a blistering Saturday afternoon, made easy work of East Side by defeating them 11-2.

Jamie Scherban and Jim Baldyga held them to

only four hits and two runs.

The Body Shop had a good night at the plate with Dom Pisano, Jamie Scherban, and Chris Chechile all having multiple hits. Jeff Rousseau, Jeff Harlin, Jim Baldyga, and Jon Jacobsen also chipped in with one apiece.

Agawam Little League **Minors Division** (Final Standings)

TEAMS	W	L	T
Red Sox	12	2	0
Yankees	12	2	0
Mets	9	4	1
Indians	6	6	2
Braves	6	7	1
Giants	4	8	1
Orioles	4	10	0
Royals	3	10	1
Dodgers	3	10	0

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Agawam Men's Softball League (Standings As Of 7/11/94)

NATIONAL DIVISION	W	L	Abbett Tax Consultants	8	10
Copper Door	18	3	Balise/Honda	8	13
Cortina Tile	14	7	Balzer's Tool Coating	7	15
	14	6	Powers Cafe	4	15
Cabin	10	8	Tomore date		
Bobby's Lounge		9	AMERICAN—SOUTH	W	-
E.B's	10		Bertelli's Liquors	19	0
Plainfield/Scrubbers	9	9			
Sam's Sports Bar	9	12	Buccaneer Lounge 2	16	3
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	8	13	Pink Cadillac Productions	16	4
Joey's Pizzeria/Pub	5	14	Bobby's Lounge	15	5
	5	15	Michael Anthony's	13	9
Dante Club	4	16	Bio Care	12	10
Bobby's Iron Ducks	4	10	Coast To Coast	10	9
			Lessard Property Mgt.	10	9
			Heritage Hall	10	12
AMERICAN—NORTH	W	L	Southworth Paper Co.	9	13
Italian Sporting Club	15	6	Buccaneer Lounge 1	8	11
Elbow Lounge-Sharks	14	6 5	Paul's Lounge	7	15
	13	7	Teddy Bear Pools	6	15
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Winn Liquors	9	10	Desi's Place	3	16
Scoreboard Lounge	8	9	Agawam Tire/Auto	4	16

Agawam Women's Softball League

(Standings As Of 7/11/94)

"A" DIVISION Our Hideaway	W 18	L	Jessica's Lounge	15	6
Desi's Place	17	3	Club 57 Buccaneer Lounge	14 12	9
T.J.'s Sporthouse Southworth Paper Co.	10	11 16	Tension posterior shots		
Buccaneer Lounge	3	18	Desi's Place New England School Supply	12 10	11
"B" DIVISION	W	L	Bobby's Lounge	7	15
Bad News Bears	17	5	Ames Plumbing Supply	3	19

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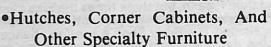
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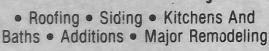
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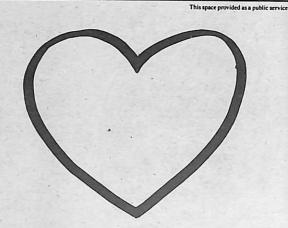
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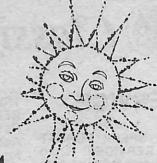
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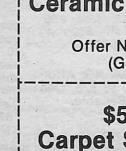
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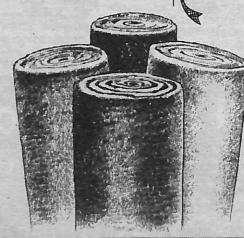
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